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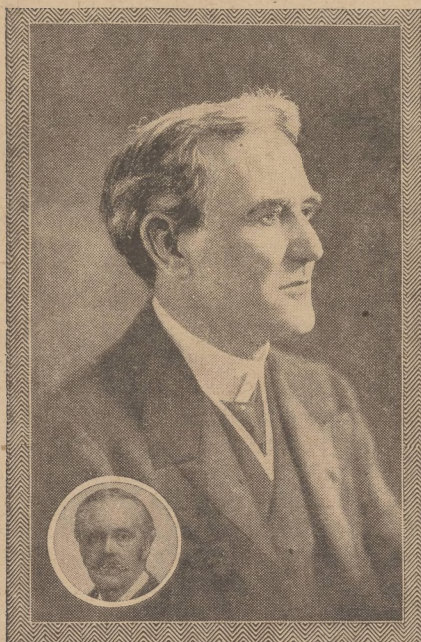
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MEN WHO TURNED OUT EX-CABINET MINISTERS.



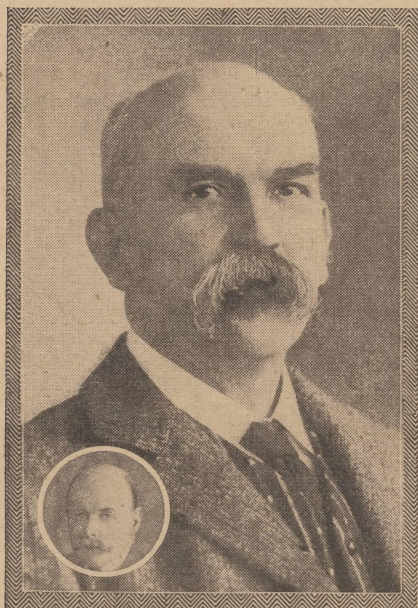
Mr. T. G. Horridge, K.C., who defeated Mr. Balfour (inset) in East Manchester. Mr. Balfour had occupied the seat since 1885.



Mr. Robert Armitage turned out Mr. Gerald Balfour (inset), the late President of the Local Government Board. Mr. Armitage is quite unknown in Parliament.



Mr. W. H. Cowan, M.P. for Guildford, defeated Mr. Brodrick (inset), the ex-Secretary for India, who was previously a very unpopular Minister for War.



Mr. Howell Davies, the new Liberal M.P. for South Bristol, vanquished Mr. Walter Long (inset), the ex-Irish Secretary, who is now seeking a seat in Dublin.



Mr. J. H. D. Berridge, a London lawyer, has, at the second attempt, captured the seat of Mr. Lyttelton (inset), the ex-Colonial Secretary, at Warwick.



Mr. A. C. Foster-Boulton at Huntingdon defeated Mr. Ailwyn Fellowes (inset), ex-Minister of Agriculture. The Fellowes family had held the seat for 100 years.

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The New Political Force

The Labour Question and the Labour Answer

For the first time in history Labour, as Labour, asserts itself as a controlling force in the political life of the country. Its victories at the polls have been many and important, and in the new Parliament its voice will be heard and its views enunciated with a fulness and a vigour never before attained. Thus the Labour Question receives the emphatic answer of a largely increased representation, and many people are asking the meaning of it all.

The answer is not far to seek. This altered condition of things is due to the fact that education is beginning to tell with practical power among all classes of the community—people read more and think more than formerly. The level of intelligence gets higher every year, and we are realising the fact that it is only by reading the best books—the books that reflect the thoughts, feelings, and inspirations of the greatest minds—that individual success and national progress are achieved. The knowledge that comes from reading is the true stepping-stone to success.

It may be regarded as an absolute certainty that every man who now enters Parliament as a Labour representative is a man who reads diligently and thoughtfully, not newspapers only, but books. John Burns, the first Labour man to become a Cabinet Minister, is, as is well known, and as he himself has so often testified, a great reader of books. It is that which has made him what he is. Indeed, all the world over the men of reading are the men of leading. And this is the lesson to take to heart at this turn in the nation's affairs: it is impossible to attain real and permanent success in any walk of life unless you are a reader of books, and of the right kind of books. As Carlyle said long ago, "the best University is a set of books," but even Carlyle, with all his keenness of vision never imagined a set of books so rich in brain-building material, so full of great thoughts and happy ideas, and of such direct practical value as the International Library of 20 big volumes, which, by a peculiarly favourable combination of circumstances we are now enabled to offer for 2/6 down and 5/- a month for a short time.

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MORE UNIONIST DISASTERS.

Two Ex-Ministers Beaten at the Polls.

STRONGHOLDS CAPTURED.

Loss of Leominster, Tonbridge,
Chertsey, and Bassetlaw.

THE POSITION AT A GLANCE.

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| Number of Members | 670 |
| Already Elected | 433 |
| Still to Poll | 237 |
| Liberals Elected | 227 |
| Nationalists Elected | 72 |
| Labour Members Elected | 39 |
| Total Liberals and Allies Elected | 338 |
| Unionists Elected | 95 |
| Present Liberal and Allies' Majority | 243 |
| Liberal and Allies' Gains | 160 |
| Unionist Gains | 4 |

Liberals continue to successfully storm Conservative fortresses.

Two more Unionist ex-Ministers—Sir Robert Finlay, who was Attorney-General, and Mr. W. Bromley-Davenport, late Financial Secretary to the War Office—were yesterday defeated. No fewer than thirteen members of the late Government have now been rejected by their constituents.

A remarkable gain for Labour is that of Mr. S. Walsh, at Ince, in the County Palatine, where he registered the enormous majority of 4,636.

The Unionist majority in this division in 1895 was 445. Colonel Blundell, who is now defeated, was an old and very respected member.

For the first time in their political history Chertsey and Tonbridge return Liberals, in the latter case the defeated Conservative candidate being Mr. Griffith Boscawen, a prominent supporter of the late Government.

The Nationalist Party's first gain has to be recorded for West Belfast, where Mr. J. Devlin slipped in by the narrow majority of sixteen over the Unionist.

In the unofficial result of the London University election the Unionists are credited with a gain, Sir Philip Magnus ousting Sir Michael Foster, who although elected as a Unionist crossed the floor and joined the Liberals.

CONTESTED ELECTIONS.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.
Sir P. Magnus (U)..... 1,840
Sir M. Foster (L)..... 1,816
U. majority, 24. UNIONIST GAIN.
Sir M. Foster was unopposed at last election.

ABERDEENSHIRE (WEST).
J. Macdonald Henderson (L)..... 5,949
R. McNeill (U)..... 1,816
L. majority, 3,158. NO CHANGE.
U. majority in 1900, 1,139.

BELFAST (WEST).
J. Devlin (N)..... 4,138
Captain J. R. Smyth (U)..... 4,122
—, Carlisle (L)..... 153
N. majority, 16. NO CHANGE.
U. majority in 1902, 829.

BELFAST (SOUTH).
T. H. Sloan (Ind. U)..... 4,450
H. O'Neil (OR. U)..... 3,634
Ind. U. majority in 1902, 826. NO CHANGE.

BERWICKSHIRE.
H. J. Tennant (L)..... 2,975
R. Fitzroy Bell (U)..... 1,969
L. majority, 1,351. NO CHANGE.
U. majority in 1900, 550.

CHESHIRE (EDDISBURY).
Arthur Stanley (L)..... 5,315
Colonel Cotton-Jedrell (U)..... 4,192
L. majority, 1,123. LIBERAL GAIN.
U. majority in 1895, 1,805.

CHESHIRE (MACFIELD).
Colonel W. B. Breckinridge (L)..... 4,851
W. Bromley-Davenport (U)..... 3,757
L. majority, 494. LIBERAL GAIN.
U. majority in 1892, 928.

DENBIGH DISTRICT.
J. C. Edwards (L)..... 2,533
Hon. G. T. Kenyon (U)..... 1,969
L. majority, 533. LIBERAL GAIN.
U. majority in 1900, 110.

ESSEX (CHELMSFORD).
Sir Carme Rastall (U)..... 4,915
A. H. Dence (L)..... 4,461
U. majority, 454. NO CHANGE.
U. majority in 1900, 3,129.

ESSEX (MALDON).
T. R. Bethell (L)..... 4,773
Hon. C. H. Strutt (U)..... 4,624
L. majority, 149. LIBERAL GAIN.
U. majority in 1900, 1,348.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS IN BRIEF.

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| ABERDEENSHIRE (W.) | J. M. Henderson (L) | 3,158 |
| ARMAGH (S) | W. McKillop (N) | Unop. |
| BELFAST (N) | J. Devlin (N) | 16 |
| BELFAST (S) | T. H. Sloan (Ind. U) | 816 |
| BELFAST (S) | H. J. Tennant (U) | 1,969 |
| CAVAN (E) | S. Young (N) | Unop. |
| CHESHIRE (Macfieid) | Colonel Brockhurst (L) | 4,851 |
| CHESHIRE (Edisbury) | A. Stanley (L) | 1,123 |
| DENBIGH (District) | J. Clement Edwards (L) | 673 |
| ESSEX (Chelmsford) | Sir Carme Rastall (U) | 4,915 |
| ESSEX (Maldon) | T. R. Bethell (L) | 4,773 |
| GALWAY (S) | W. J. Duffy (N) | Unop. |
| GALWAY (Connemara) | W. O'Malley (N) | Unop. |
| GLOUCESTERSHIRE (Cirencester) | R. W. Essex (L) | 505 |
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| HEREFORDSHIRE (Leominster) | E. Lamb (L) | 28 |
| HUNTINGDONSHIRE (S) | S. H. Whitbread (L) | 498 |
| INVERNESS BURGHS | W. A. Bryce (L) | 558 |
| KILKENNY (N) | J. Devlin (N) | Unop. |
| KIRKCUDBRIGHTSHIRE | Major McKicking (L) | 287 |
| KENT (Ashford) | L. Hardy (U) | 381 |
| KENT (Tonbridge) | L. Hardy (U) | 381 |
| LANCS (Blackpool) | W. W. Ashley (U) | 3,061 |
| LANCS (Lancaster) | N. W. Helme (L) | 4,854 |
| LANCS (Ince) | S. Walsh (Lab.) | 4,636 |

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| GLOUCESTERSHIRE (CIRENCESTER). | |
| R. W. Essex (L) | 4,517 |
| Hon. A. B. Balfour (U) | 4,011 |
| L. majority, 506. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1895, 215. | |
| HANTS (BANGSTOCK). | |
| Right Hon. A. F. Jeffries (U) | 4,855 |
| H. Verney (L) | 4,706 |
| U. majority, 120. NO CHANGE. | |
| U. majority in 1892, 1,491. | |
| HUNTS, SOUTH (HUNTINGDON). | |
| S. H. Whitbread (L) | 2,426 |
| J. Gator (U) | 1,857 |
| L. majority, 469. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 280. | |
| HEREFORDSHIRE (LEOMINSTER). | |
| Edmund Lamb (L) | 3,892 |
| Sir James Rankin (U) | 3,864 |
| L. majority, 28. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1892, 1,490. | |
| INVERNESS BURGHS. | |
| J. A. Bryce (L) | 2,804 |
| Sir R. Finlay (U) | 2,715 |
| L. majority, 508. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 360. | |
| KIRKCUDBRIGHTSHIRE. | |
| Major McKicking (L) | 2,715 |
| Sir Mark Stewart (U) | 2,418 |
| L. majority, 297. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 603. | |
| KENT (ASHFORD). | |
| L. Hardy (U) | 5,995 |
| P. Harris (L) | 5,614 |
| U. majority, 381. NO CHANGE. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 3,555. | |
| KENT (TONBRIDGE). | |
| A. P. Hedges (L) | 7,170 |
| A. S. Griffith-Boscawen (U) | 5,887 |
| L. majority, 1,283. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 2,062. | |
| LANCASHIRE (BLACKPOOL). | |
| W. W. Ashley (U) | 10,139 |
| Vivian Phillips (L) | 7,078 |
| U. majority, 3,061. NO CHANGE. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 1,470. | |
| LANCASHIRE (LANCASTER). | |
| N. W. Helme (L) | 6,324 |
| Colonel W. H. Foster (U) | 6,284 |
| L. majority, 88. NO CHANGE. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 44. | |
| LANCASHIRE (INCE). | |
| S. Walsh (Lab.) | 8,046 |
| Colonel H. Blundell (U) | 3,410 |
| Lab. majority, 4,636. LABOUR GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1895, 445. | |
| LEICESTERSHIRE (MELTON MOWBRAY). | |
| Henry de Walker (L) | 7,800 |
| Sir Arthur Hazlerigg (U) | 7,800 |
| L. majority, 17. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 392. | |
| LEITH BURGHS. | |
| R. C. M. Ferguson (L) | 7,677 |
| F. Cooper (U) | 4,865 |
| L. majority, 2,812. NO CHANGE. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 817. | |
| LINCOLNSHIRE (HORNCASTLE). | |
| Lord W. de Eresby (U) | 4,250 |
| Alderman Adams (L) | 4,100 |
| U. majority, 150. NO CHANGE. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 1,340. | |
| MIDDLESEX (ENFIELD). | |
| James Branch (L) | 9,790 |
| James Winstons (U) | 7,574 |
| L. majority, 2,116. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 3,268. | |
| MIDDLESEX (UNXBRIDGE). | |
| Sir F. Dixon-Hartland (U) | 6,429 |
| S. J. Pocock (L) | 6,284 |
| U. majority, 145. NO CHANGE. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 3,143. | |
| MONMOUTH BOROUGHS. | |
| L. Haslam (L) | 4,551 |
| E. C. Micholls (U) | 3,939 |
| L. majority, 612. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1901, 343. | |
| MONTGOMERYSHIRE. | |
| J. D. Rees (L) | 1,541 |
| Colonel Pryce-Jones (U) | 1,458 |
| L. majority, 83. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1902, 169. | |
| NORFOLK (SOUTH-WEST). | |
| R. Winfrey (L) | 4,416 |
| T. L. Hare (U) | 3,513 |
| L. majority, 903. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 60. | |
| NORTHANTS (NORTH). | |
| G. Nicholls (L and Lab.) | 4,880 |
| Colonel Stopford Sackville (U) | 4,195 |
| L. majority, 685. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 1,256. | |

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| LEICESTERSHIRE (MELTON MOWBRAY). | |
| Frank Nevins (L) | 5,365 |
| Sir Frederick Milner (U) | 4,834 |
| L. majority, 531. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1895, 1,253. 1900 election not contested. | |
| PEMBROKE. | |
| Owen Phillips (L) | 3,576 |
| Sir Reginald Pole Carew (U) | 2,927 |
| L. majority, 1,009. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 12. | |
| PERTSHIRE (WEST). | |
| D. C. Erskine (L) | 3,590 |
| J. Stroyan (U) | 3,087 |
| L. majority, 503. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 685. | |
| RENFREWSHIRE (WEST). | |
| Sir T. Glen-Coats (L) | 5,858 |
| M. J. C. Cunningham (U) | 4,490 |
| L. majority, 1,368. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1900, 370. | |
| STAFFS (KINGSWINFORD). | |
| H. Stafler Hill (U) | 6,311 |
| Hon. F. E. Guest (L) | 5,090 |
| U. majority, 841. NO CHANGE. | |
| U. majority in 1905, 603. | |
| SUFFOLK (SUDBURY). | |
| W. C. Armstrong (L) | 4,201 |
| Sir Cuthbert Quilter (U) | 4,065 |
| L. majority, 136. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1892, 2,206. | |
| SURREY (CHERTSEY). | |
| F. J. Marshall (L) | 6,365 |
| Lord Bingham (U) | 6,266 |
| L. majority, 99. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1904, 549. | |

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| NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (BASSETLAW). | |
| Frank Nevins (L) | 5,365 |
| Sir Frederick Milner (U) | 4,834 |
| L. majority, 531. LIBERAL GAIN. | |
| U. majority in 1895, 1,253. 1900 election not contested. | |
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| U. majority in 1904, 549. | |

CANDIDATES RETURNED UNOPPOSED.

The following candidates were returned unopposed yesterday:—
ARMAGH (SOUTH)—W. McKillop (N.).
Ind. N. majority in 1900 was 385.
CAVAN (EAST)—S. Young (N.).
Mr. Young was unopposed in 1900.
GALWAY (SOUTH)—W. J. Duffy (N.).
Mr. Duffy was unopposed in 1900.
GALWAY (CONNEMARA)—W. O'Malley (N.).
Mr. O'Malley was unopposed in 1900.
KILKENNY (NORTH)—J. Devlin (N.).
Mr. Devlin was returned at by-election in 1902.
MEATH (NORTH)—P. White (N.).
N. majority in 1900, 137.
MAYO (EAST)—J. Dillon (N.).
Mr. Dillon was unopposed in 1900.
MONAGHAN (NORTH)—P. O'Hara (N.).
Dr. Thompson was unopposed in 1900.
SUFFOLK (EYE)—F. S. Stevenson (L.).
L. majority in 1900, 1,717.
TYRONE (MID)—G. Murnaghan (N.).
Mr. Murnaghan was unopposed in 1900.
WESTMEATH (NORTH)—L. Ginnell (N.).
Ind. N. majority in 1900, 345.

DEFEATED EX-MINISTERS.

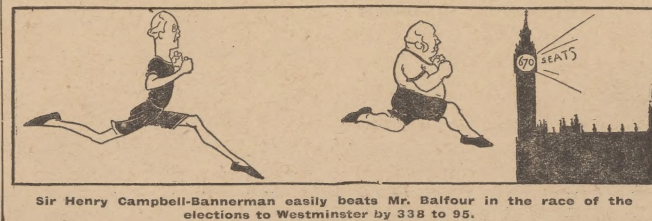
The members of the late Government who have suffered defeat at the polls up to the present moment are:—

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| 1. Mr. A. J. Balfour. | 8. Captain Pretyman. |
| 2. Mr. Gerald Balfour. | 9. Mr. Bonar Law. |
| 3. Mr. St. John Brodrick. | 10. Mr. Scott Dickson. |
| 4. Sir S. B. Crossley. | 11. Lord Stanley. |
| 5. Mr. A. W. L. Long. | 12. Mr. Bromley-Davenport. |
| 6. Mr. Walter Long. | 13. Sir Robert Finlay. |
| 7. Mr. Alfred Lyttelton. | |

Mr. Chaplin held a seat in the Cabinet in the 1895-1900 Conservative Government.

TO-DAY'S POLLING.

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| St. Andrews Burch. | Presley, Lancs. |
| Bandfirth. | Pudsey, Yorkshires. |
| Canavan Burch. | Romford, Essex. |
| Chapman Burch. | Salisbury, Wilts. |
| Derbyshire (S). | Saffron Walden, Essex. |
| Flint Burch. | Spauldham, Yorkshires. |
| Forfarshire. | Sowerby, Yorkshires. |
| Kendal Burch. | Stowmarket, Suffolk. |
| Knuttsford, Cheshire. | Wansbeck. |
| Lancaster, Cornwall. | Nottinghamland. |



Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman easily beats Mr. Balfour in the race of the elections to Westminster by 338 to 95.

"MR. AUSTEN'S STERN FIGHT.

Ex-Chancellor Conducts His Critical Campaign from a Sick Couch.

RACKED BY SCIATICA.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain is fighting the battle of East Worcestershire under the greatest of physical difficulties.

Crippled by sciatica, he stays in bed every day until after noon. Then he lunches, and spends the rest of the day on a couch in his private room at Highbury, where he lives with his distinguished father.

Almost an hour's work has to be done lying down. Speeches have to be prepared, for he is very careful over the way in which he makes ready for a meeting, and the letters have to be dictated, and agents and canvassers all have to be received in a recumbent position.

Then at night he drives forth well wrapped up, and, braving the tortures of standing, delivers a couple of speeches to enthusiastic meetings. He was hopeful that yesterday would see him sufficiently recovered to make a tour of his constituency, but he was doomed to disappointment.

He is determined, however, that on Monday he will go out early and after voting for himself make a motor-car tour of his constituency.

WILL FIGHT HIS OWN BATTLES.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, whose residence at Highbury is situated well within the East Worcestershire Division, almost made up his mind to take his son's place at the public meetings, but "Mr. Austen," as he is called in Birmingham, would not hear of it. "I will fight my own battles, father," he said. "Both father and son will vote on Monday at the council school in School-lane, which is situated about two-thirds of a mile from Highbury."

The two names appeared one after the other on the freehold list of the "L," or Moseley, polling district.

"The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P.," whose voting number is 39 L, is described as of "Highbury, Birmingham." His qualification is given as "freehold land in Moor Green-lane." Then follows the name of his son, the Right Hon. Joseph Austen Chamberlain, M.P., whose voting number is 60 L, and whose qualification is exactly similar. Only the fact that Mr. Chamberlain gave his son a portion of his Highbury estate a few years ago prevents the younger statesman's name from figuring on the list of lodger voters.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S OPPONENT.

Every possible effort is being made to secure Mr. Austen Chamberlain's return to help fill the Front Opposition Bench, now so sadly depleted.

Birmingham has remained true to the Chamberlain family, but it is by no means certain that East Worcester will follow that city's example, in spite of the fact that 8,000 of its 18,000 voters live in the Birmingham area, and that a large portion of the division is actually in Birmingham.

Mr. John Morgan, the Liberal candidate, who is a needle-maker, owning works and living in the division, is putting up a strong fight, and replying to Mr. Chamberlain's tariff reform argument by saying that although he is a manufacturer, he has no need of protection. He is telling the needle-makers and fish-hook-makers of Redditch, who are likely to support him, that cheap raw material is absolutely necessary to their trade as to any others, and that it is the English landowners' royalty on coal and iron, and not the German manufacturers' competition, that is to be feared.

So good an impression has Mr. Morgan made that the Unionists admit that they are by no means certain of victory, especially as there has been no fight in the division since 1892. There is only Birmingham's example to cheer them up.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Some 5,000 invitations have been sent off for the reception at the White House for Miss Roosevelt's wedding.—Lafayette.

Mr. Bochaid, the nineteen-year-old daughter of a French Count, fell from a train in Crick Tunnel, near Rugby, yesterday, and was killed.

William Smith, a negro, has been arrested in New York on a charge of assaulting and murdering Miss Florence Allanson, a young Englishwoman visiting Moorestown, New Jersey.—Lafayette.

In response to private inquiries as to whether foreign help would be acceptable for the relief of the distress in famine-stricken Japan, the Japanese Government has cabled to the Chargé d'Affaires at Washington that such help would be welcome.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:—Strong northerly winds, mostly and frosty; occasional local flurries of sleet or snow. Lighting-up time, 5.24 p.m. Sea passages will be rather rough.

Chagrined Unionists Attack the Police with Sticks and Stones.

Belfast has been true to Irish election traditions, and after the result of the polling was declared yesterday there were extraordinary scenes of rioting in the city.

The Unionists were greatly incensed at the action of Mr. Carlisle in splitting the party vote, and early began to demonstrate in the Falls-road district, a Nationalist stronghold. They set bar barrels ablaze, and marched through the streets with bands at the head of their procession.

In the Shankill-road district and Smithfield neighbourhood matters quickly assumed a threatening aspect. At the Shankill end of Springfield-road a determined rush was made for one of the streets in which practically every resident is a Nationalist. Armed with heavy sticks, stones, and other missiles, the crowd commenced attacking right and left household property, causing great damage, and creating widespread alarm, before the police were aware of the dangerous nature of the demonstration.

Many women and children were standing at the doors of the houses, and they fled in all directions, screaming loudly, while stones flew right and left. Heavy blows were struck at doors with sticks and other bludgeons, and innumerable windows were wrecked.

Men were rushing up from all quarters to take either an offensive or defensive part in the melee, when a strong force of police appeared on the scene and charged the crowd. The latter for a time offered keen resistance, flinging stones at the police and demolishing the few remaining windows.

Temporarily dispersed, the rioters again rallied, but the police drove them off again, and finally they scattered in various directions, apparently overawed by the strong reinforcements of police.

PATCHING UP A PEACE.

Russia To Act as Mediator at the Difficult Moroccan Conference.

According to the latest messages from Algiers—somewhat meagre, it is true—there seems to be ground for the hope that the optimists' predictions will prove correct and that the difficulties in Morocco between the Powers will be satisfactorily settled.

Herr von Radowitz, the German delegate to the Conference, has recognised the right of France and Spain to put a stop to contraband trade on the frontiers between their respective colonies and Morocco.

Count Cassini, the Russian delegate, says that Russia's role at the Conference is only to smooth away differences, and expresses the view that, if time is not wasted on petty details, the programme of work will be completed in six weeks.

If no result is achieved in that time, nothing will be achieved at all. He holds, however, that if Europe is united Morocco will carry out reforms to the advantage of all.

FRANCE BIDES HER TIME.

Belief That Resignation of Castro Will Close the Venezuelan Incident.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Paris, Friday.—There was an important meeting of Ministers at the Elysée this morning to consider the situation between France and Venezuela.

M. Rouvier announced to his colleagues that he had been compelled, because of the Venezuelan expulsion of M. Taigny, to hand Senor Maubourguet, the Venezuelan Chargé d'Affaires, his passports.

As a matter of fact, Signor Maubourguet left here yesterday, the Commissioner of Police last night accompanying him to the Belgian frontier. It is expected that, after staying a few days at Liege, he will go to London.

In some quarters attempts are being made to minimise the incident. "France," said one official to-day, "is merely waiting for the speedy overthrow of President Castro's Government. After this an amicable settlement is almost a certainty."

THE KING'S BRIEF STAY IN LONDON.

King Edward, who returned from Sandringham yesterday, will leave Buckingham Palace this afternoon for Windsor, where he will meet the Queen and Princess Victoria on their return from the Norfolk home.

His Majesty witnessed the performance of "Business Is Business," in French, at the New Royalty Theatre last night.

ELYSEE A STRONGHOLD OF DEMOCRACY.

"As long as I am at the Elysée it will remain the stronghold of democracy," declared M. Fallières, the President-elect of the French Republic, yesterday, in response to the congratulations of the Republican groups of the Senate.

At the close of a Council of Ministers a superb chased cup was presented to Mme. Loubet.

Constables Must Commit to Memory Features of Three Hundred New Legislators.

The most perplexed men in London to-day are the House of Commons police.

How are they to recognise the shoals of new members who will shortly troop through the gates of the Palace of Westminster?

Among the 670 new M.P.s there will be at least 300 strange faces.

Perhaps the most puzzled constable of all is P.-C. X who holds the members' crossing at the end of Parliament-street.

For twenty years he has filled this honourable post. Yet never, he confessed, does he remember a time when so many legislative strangers were sent to the Popular Chamber.

"My duty is," he explained, "to stop the traffic for M.P.s to cross the road. I have had difficulties in the past with new members, but none so great as those before me in the opening days of the coming session. The first week or so M.P.s will have to take their chance. They will have to wait with other people until I stop the traffic in the ordinary way. But as soon as I get to know them it will be all right."

The burly officer moved to apostrophise a cabman for parking on the wrong side. Then he returned to his station.

"There is another thing," he continued reflectively, with a touch of sorrow befitting one who cherishes the dignities of the Mother of Parliaments.

Shabbily-Attired Irishmen.

"Some of them are so shockingly dressed that you would never imagine they were M.P.s. I am not thinking of the Labour members, though I do not myself approve of caps in the House. I am thinking of the Nationalists. You would not believe they were members of the English House of Commons. As for their clothes—well, I wouldn't wear them myself."

"But," he concluded, a little hopefully, "I dare say I shall recognise them all after a bit. I hope I shall not repeat my experience of four years ago. It was just at the end of the session, and a member came along. I stopped the traffic, and he crossed the road. The next minute came another gentleman. He looked him hard in the face, but failed to recognise him. So he crossed the road as best he could. But he was a member after all, and wrote and complained of my inattention. The matter was investigated, and then it transpired that was the only time he had attended the House during the whole session. How could I be expected to know a man like that?"

The constables at the other entrances to the historic chamber are also greatly perturbed. But their course is clear.

"I always stop everybody I don't know," said a member of the force. "I shall stop a good many the first day or two, and they won't like it. But it cannot be helped. You would not believe how surprised some of the new young members are. They get elected, and think the whole world ought to know them, and then, if I venture to stop them, they get quite nasty, call it 'confounded impertinence,' and such like. But what can I do? I haven't got a picture gallery of all the new members on the pavement!"

WHERE WILL ALL THE LIBERALS SIT?

The opening moments of the new session will be phenomenally exciting this year, for the number of members who usually rush to the House on the stroke of midnight to secure the distinction of being the "earliest arrival" on the first day will be increased for quite another reason.

More Liberals have been returned than can find room on the Ministerial benches on the floor of the Popular Chamber!

There are seats in the House of Commons for 480 members—240 on each side, including the front benches—a fact which was only ascertained after considerable difficulty, and already the Liberals number over three hundred!

As a consequence many new members, unless they come early and secure their seats, will find themselves either relegated to the side galleries or compelled to cross the floor and acquire the superfluous accommodation on the Opposition benches.

£1,000,000 LOST TO LONDON.

As a disorganising influence upon the trade of London general election will, it is estimated, cost £1,000,000.

This was the opinion given to the *Daily Mirror* by a prominent member of the Stock Exchange yesterday.

"Take my own case," he said. "The actual voting is nothing—a matter of leaving the office for ten minutes or so. But it is the moral effect, the political excitement which makes us bet upon the result rather than attend to business."

"Yes, I should say that Throgmorton-street will suffer to the extent of £200,000, not money actually out of pocket, but money which might have been

made in consequence of this temporary disorganisation."

Theatres and music-halls, with the possible exception of those which give the results, will suffer from the same cause. "I expected," said one manager, "that my receipts would fall about fifty per cent. during the election time, and recent audiences have shown I was right."

Certain of the big shops are also suffering. "The sales are not over yet," was the comment from one establishment, "but the place is half empty."

TRANSVAAL "HOME RULE."

PRETORIA, Friday.—The "Pretoria News" learns that the Imperial Cabinet has resolved upon the immediate grant of responsible government to the Transvaal, and that the announcement will be made in the King's Speech at the opening of Parliament.—Reuter.

The Press Association has been informed by officials in London that the above statement is "quite unauthorised."

ELATED "BLOODSUCKERS."

There has been much rejoicing in Post Office circles at the defeat of Lord Stanley, the ex-Postmaster-General, who is never likely to be forgiven for his denunciation of certain members of the postal servants' organisation as "bloodsuckers and blackmailers."

This jubilation was demonstrated in a singular manner yesterday. The staff on duty at the General Telegraph Office, London, arranged that, when the time signal to all offices was sent at 10 a.m., the whole of the operators should give three cheers in celebration of the defeat of the ex-Postmaster-General.

So thousands of postal employees throughout the kingdom broke out into terrific cheering when, as is the rule every day, the telegraph lines were cleared for the reception of the correct Greenwich time.

TELEPHONE GIRLS AND ELECTIONS.

The Post Office telephone girls, who are being kept late on duty by reason of the general election, do not now object to the increased labour at all. In fact, they rather like it.

It is quite certain that the new Postmaster-General would not consent to the present arrangement unless he had the moral support of the ladies, to whom many people are indebted for swift news of the latest results from the hustings. "We do not mind at all," remarked one of the girls to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday. "In fact—(this with a laugh)—some of us petitioned to be kept on. They send us home usually by special omnibus, and one or two of my friends have been supplied with a cab."

"The older ones are usually selected to stay late, but, of course, there was a curious lot of election, in the eye of the interview—no we do not like to be reminded of that."

WINNERS OF GREAT VICTORIES.

Mr. W. T. Wilson, the Labour candidate, who has gained the thanks of the Post Office employees by beating Lord Stanley, the late Postmaster-General, in the Westhoughton Division of Lancashire, spent his youth as a carpenter. Later he filled various offices in the Carpenters and Joiners' Union. He has been a delegate at several trade-union congresses.

The new member for Brentford, Dr. V. H. Rutherford, who has beaten Mr. Bigwood, hails from the North. Is now on the staff of one of the large London hospitals. He unsuccessfully contested the Osgoldcross Division of Yorkshire as a temperance candidate at the last general election.

Mr. Edmund Lamb, who won the Leominster Division of Hereford from Sir James Rankin, is a colliery proprietor in Northumberland.

Colonel W. Brocklehurst, who defeated Mr. W. Bromley-Davenport, the late Financial Secretary for War, at Macclesfield, is a Cheshire County Councillor.

Mr. Francis J. Marnham, the new Liberal member for Chertsey, is a prominent Free Churchman and passive resister. Has assisted in the last five contests in the division. Is a member of the Stock Exchange, but has now retired from business.

ANOTHER LADY VOTER.

Another instance of a lady claiming and exercising the privilege of a parliamentary vote has come to light.

In the Sevenoaks Division Mrs. Aves Lee presented herself at the Plaistow polling station at Bromley and demanded a voting paper. The name "Lee, Aves," was entered on the register, and the presiding officer accordingly handed her the necessary paper, which was duly crossed and placed in the ballot-box. The overseers, misled by the Christian name, were under the impression that Aves Lee was a man.

Shipwrecked Crew Land, Only To Be Baffled by Cruel Yorkshire Cliffs.

From the Channel and the North Sea came many reports yesterday of destruction caused by the gale. Lifeboatmen all round the coast were busy.

At Gristhorpe, near Scarborough, a boat was found containing the body of one man, while three other bodies on the rocks told a terrible story of a hopeless struggle against a cruel fate.

The boat bore the name s.s. *Sumus*, of Middlesbrough, and there can be no doubt that it was dashed on the rocks during the blizzard of Thursday night, the men being then alive.

At that point the cliffs are high, and in the darkness quite impossible to ascend. Yet it is evident from the position of one of the bodies that the poor fellow made the attempt, only to fall back exhausted.

No further traces of the steamer *Sumus* have been found.

The Margate lifeboat rescued the crew of four of the schooner *Annie Warren*, and sustained considerable damage by dashing against the sides of the wreck. The *Seaham* (Durham) lifeboat rescued the crew of the steamer *Longnewton*.

In the Channel the velocity of the wind was estimated at seventy miles an hour. The mail steamer *Rapide* arrived from Ostend with her decks swept bare by the heavy seas.

DISTRIBUTING THE QUEEN'S FUND.

Committee Begins To Show More Expedition in Discharging Its Duties.

The distribution committee of the Queen's Unemployed Fund met yesterday and allotted various sums to thirty-five large towns, the largest amount being £1,511 for Glasgow, while Birmingham received the next highest grant of £1,235.

Arrangements were made under which any district which has not so far participated to the full extent in the first and second distributions will be able to obtain its share at any time before February 1, provided that the work taken in hand is sufficient to warrant the grant.

The final distribution is to take place as soon after January 31 as possible.

A meeting of the central committee was held also. Several members criticised severely the dilatoriness which had marked the work of distributing funds.

QUAINT CANDIDATE.

Aspirant for the Clitheroe Seat Who Believes in Women's Rights.

The most humorous candidate who has appeared during the present election seems to be Mr. Belton, who is contesting the Clitheroe Division with Mr. Shackleton.

Most of the 20,000 odd electors in the division reside at Nelson, but until yesterday they had seen or heard nothing of Mr. Belton. Yesterday afternoon, however, Mr. Belton descended upon them, bringing with him his election address. After reading this document, the citizens of Nelson came to the conclusion that his candidature was a huge joke.

On the Chinese question, Mr. Belton is sound. "Ten Chinese slaves," he says, "can find employment as outdoor servants at my compound in Surrey before or after they have finished their indentures."

"When I run a horse of my own," he adds, pursuing the argument closely, "I have a 'pony' on each way. The working classes are surely entitled to have their little bit on as I am. Where is the difference to gambling on the Stock Exchange; where you may be ruined whilst you are asleep."

GAIETY "GIRLS" IN COURT.

Mr. George Edwardes, the well-known manager of the Gaiety Theatre, was granted an injunction yesterday to restrain Mr. Dance from infringing Mr. Edwardes's right of representation of "The Gaiety," "The Country Girl," "The Duchess of Danzig," "The Girl from Kay's," and "The Orchid."

Mr. Dance had been producing these plays in Rangoon, Penang, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

EIGHTEEN KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION.

CHARLESTON (West Virginia), Friday.—Eighteen persons were killed by an explosion of dust yesterday in one of the mines at Paint Creek, belonging to the Detroit and Kanawha Coal Company.

The accident occurred after hundreds of men had come to the surface for the dinner-hour, otherwise the death-roll would have assumed terrible proportions. The explosion shook the surrounding hills.—Reuter.

LADY'S PRETTY NOSE VALUED AT £500.

Young Wife's Poignant Story of
Impaired Beauty.

PARAFFIN SUBSTITUTE.

Gentle reader, if you are of the fair sex, at how many hundreds of pounds would you value your nose?

Ladies' noses are worth ever so much more than those of gentlemen. This dictum was laid down by Mr. Justice Bigham in the High Court yesterday. But though they are worth so much more the exact value of ladies' noses it is almost impossible to determine. This, His Lordship also said.

The jury in Mr. Justice Bigham's Court nevertheless made an earnest endeavour to compensate adequately Mrs. Rita March, a hapless young lady who had her nose ruined—it was "squeezed flat," her counsel somewhat bluntly put it—in the following manner:—

She had gone with her husband, Mr. March, to the Burlington Hotel at Dover. After dinner, having had no fresh air all day, she took her husband and her little dog into the hotel grounds for a walk. The little dog ran on in safety, but the others had not followed far when Mrs. March suddenly disappeared from her husband's view. She had been swallowed up.

Brink of an Abyss.

Mr. March shouted to her. There was no answer. Then as his eyes got used to the darkness he discovered that he was on the brink of a black abyss.

"I dared not jump down into it," he told the Court. "I was afraid of jumping on to Mrs. March."

The unfortunate lady was dragged out and put under medical treatment. It was weeks before she could be said to have recovered. But though she got back some semblance of health her beauty was practically gone.

Mr. Shearman, K.C., her counsel, called the jury's attention to the extent of her loss. Before her fall Mrs. March had been a lovely woman, and her nose had been not the least of her facial attractions. Now friends passed her in the street without recognising her.

"To a man," said Mr. Shearman impressively, "many careers are open, but to a woman her beauty is everything."

Photographs were produced, and the jurymen were invited to compare the Mrs. March of now with the Mrs. March of then.

"She has such a large hat on that it is difficult to see," said Mr. Justice Bigham, intent on the task of valuation.

Plucky Mrs. March.

Mrs. March was very plucky during her unpleasant ordeal of being inspected. Counsel's description had done justice to her claim, but was necessarily a little hard on her present appearance. Her nose had been disfigured and lost its regularity, but she was still an attractive-looking woman.

In the witness-box she said that she had been photographed during a visit to Monte Carlo.

"These photographs have taken good photographs, do they not?" asked Mr. Gill, K.C., for purposes of cross-examination.

Mr. March, who followed, explained how, although the proprietors of the hotel had been very kind to Mrs. March after the accident, it was necessary to bring an action against them. They had offered a piece of jewellery as a souvenir.

"No, that is hardly the word," the witness hastily added.

"Hardly," repeated Mr. Justice Bigham in his driest manner.

One of the doctors called as witnesses gave some remarkable evidence about medical devices for restoring damaged noses. Where the skin had shrivelled up, it was possible to induce permanent plumpness by injections of paraffin. But this treatment was not considered suitable in Mrs. March's case, the doctor added.

The Judge made a joke at his own expense in his summing-up. "If it was my nose that was injured," he said to the jury, "I dare say you would not give me very much more. Then he pointed out that a lady's nose is more valuable than a Judge's."

The jury awarded Mrs. March £500 for the part of her beauty which she had lost.

SIR HENRY IRVING'S WILL.

Probate of the will of the late Sir Henry Irving has been obtained by Messrs. Lewis and Lewis on behalf of Mr. Harry Irving and Mr. Laurence Irving, his sons, and the executors appointed by the will.

The estate of the late Sir Henry Irving has been proved at £14633 4s. 4d. net, and after providing for an annuity to be paid to Mr. Walter Collinson, who was for many years his personal attendant, the bulk of his residuary estate is bequeathed to his two sons in equal shares.

H.M. war sloop *Fantome* arrived at Sheerness last evening, from the West Indies, to be converted into a surveying ship.

GAOL FOR "PIRATE KING."

Sentences on Conspirators To Rob Music
Publishers and Composers.

The famous music piracy case, which has occupied the courts for so many weeks, ended yesterday at the Old Bailey with a verdict of Guilty.

The following sentences were passed:—

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| Willetts (the "Pirate King") | ...Nine months. |
| Tennant | ...Two months. |
| Puddlefoot | ...One month. |
| Ross | ...Fine of £50. |

Two other defendants—Bokerham and Wootton—were bound over to come up for judgment when called upon.

Music publishers attach much importance to this prosecution, which was intended as a blow against the great flood of unauthorised music which has been poured into the country, with great loss to the publishers and to the composers.

Under the scheme Willetts inaugurated he is said to have accumulated a vast fortune.

New songs were issued by the recognised music firms. Many of them were purchased at a big sum, and were published at 1s. 4d. Willetts at once seized upon them, and, under a most elaborate system, issued them at about 2d. a copy, a temptation that no ordinary customer could resist.

The leading publishers welded themselves into a defence association, an Act of Parliament was passed to deal with the matter, millions of copies of pirated music were seized and destroyed, and at last the law assailed the "Pirate King"—with the result declared yesterday.

MILITARY KNIGHTS OF WINDSOR.

New Governor of Picturesque Body Solemnly In-
stalled in St. George's Chapel.

St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, was the scene of an interesting service yesterday, when, in presence of all the officers of the Life Guards and Foot Guards off duty, Major-General Courtney was installed as Governor of the Military Knights of Windsor—that picturesque body instituted in 1349.

Its first members were veterans of Edward the Third. To-day they are officers who, having performed meritorious services, are granted pensions ranging from £50 to £130 a year, with apartments at the Castle.

His Majesty has made an important alteration by appointing the Duke of Argyll, Governor of the Castle, and Lord Esker, Deputy-Governor, as the controlling authority in place of the Dean of Windsor.

Earl Beauchamp has been appointed Captain of the Gentlemen-at-Arms, and the Duke of Manchester Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard.

JUDGE'S BAD WRITING.

Counsel, Doctor, Jury, and Another Judge Together
Unable To Decipher His Notes.

The handwriting of Mr. Justice Lawrence was the subject of an interesting interlude in the King's Bench Division yesterday, when Mr. Justice Bigham was presiding over the retrial of a case concerning the alleged injury of a Jewish child by a motor-car.

Three attempts to read the notes of a doctor's evidence made by Mr. Justice Lawrence at the former trial failed dismally. His Lordship, having first failed to decipher them, expressed a wish that Mr. Justice Lawrence was there to read his notes himself.

Counsel for the plaintiff, to whom they were next submitted, after peering closely on the page, shook his head slowly and handed them back. The foreman of the jury, who made the third essay, was also compelled to admit defeat, and at length a juror, to the amusement of the whole Court, suggested that "they be taken as read," and there remaining no other course to adopt, his Lordship assented.

Mr. Lynch (for the defence): My Lord, I hold no brief for Mr. Justice Lawrence, but do you think it right to show his notes in this way?

Mr. Justice Bigham (smiling): I don't think that will injure his reputation.

LORD G. GORDON'S CARRIAGE BILL.

Lord Granville Gordon was sued at the Westminster County Court yesterday for £34 by Mr. Collings, a livery stable keeper, of Duke-street, St. James's, for carriage hire.

Liability was disputed, the statute of limitations was pleaded, and a verdict was given in favour of his lordship with costs.

DARING TILL ROBBER'S ESCAPE.

A till robbery of much daring, perpetrated at a stall in the Broadway, Crouch End, has just been reported to the Hornsey police.

A man entered the establishment of Mr. Cook, knocked down a female assistant, and cleared the till of £3. On the threshold he met Mr. Cook, who let him pass, and he escaped.

TRUSTS AT BAY.

Autocrats of the American Dinner-
Table on Trial.

SCANDALOUS METHODS.

The great Beef Trust trial which has just begun at Chicago marks the real decisive opening of the American packing-houses on various charges. On the mere preliminaries of the case the Government is said to have spent \$60,000, and the defendants include such men as J. Ogden Armour, Edward Morris, Ira N. Morris, Louis F. Swift, Edward F. Swift, Charles N. Swift, and Edward A. Cudahy, all said to be men of high personal character.

It was decided last year, after a three months' investigation, to indict eighteen of the officials of the American packing-houses on various charges. On the mere preliminaries of the case the Government is said to have spent \$60,000, and the defendants include such men as J. Ogden Armour, Edward Morris, Ira N. Morris, Louis F. Swift, Edward F. Swift, Charles N. Swift, and Edward A. Cudahy, all said to be men of high personal character.

The strenuous President is making a fine start with the biggest trust of all—the trust which has been called "the greatest trust in the world."

In this country it is difficult to realise the tremendous power wielded by this combination of great interests, or grasp the scope of its octopus-like operations.

The trust effected was briefly this—it destroyed competition in the buying market and in the selling market. It pulled down the price of cattle and pushed up the price of meat.

Great Rise in Prices.

In New York the price of beef-steak rose from 10d. per lb. in 1900 to 1s. 2d. in 1905, solely by the power of the trust. In the same time sirloin beef rose from 8d. to 1s. 4d., a rise of 50 per cent. A pair of chickens that cost 3s. 1d. in 1900 fetched 5s. in 1905. The price of meat rose to such an extent that numbers of the poor became practically vegetarians.

In fighting for its own ends the trust stopped at nothing. It terrorised great railroads, crushed bosses, and defied the law generally. It has succeeded in fixing the price to be paid for 90 per cent. of the live meat reared in America, for most of the fruit, a great deal of the corn, and a score of other commodities, also, of course, fixing the prices at which they are sold.

In 1905 an American writer prophesied that the railways of America would pay to the six leading concerns included in the trust \$5,000,000 in that year in the form of rebates that are prohibited by law.

By giving or withholding trade the trust has it in its power to make or mar these railroads, and by taking or refusing produce it can spread prosperity or ruin over wide areas.

Ruined Breeders.

How absolute is the hold of the companies forming this huge trust over America's food supply may be judged from the fact that they own or control every live-stock yard in the United States except two. Two years ago the trust spread ruin in the chief cattle-feeding regions, notably in Iowa, the great cattle-feeding state of the Union.

In the latter part of 1905 the great packing firm of Schwarzhild and Sulzberger, one of the concerns which were called the "Big Six," deserted the Beef Trust and opposed it at the head of twenty-six independent corporations. They raised a fund of a million dollars to expose the secrets of the trust. It was offered to let the interests of the Schwarzhild firm for \$4,200,000, and the outcome of the firm's refusal was an investigation by a Federal grand jury.

The result of that investigation is the present trial, in which several officials of the leading meat-packing houses are concerned.

NATURE'S TINTS IN PHOTOGRAPHS.

Exhibition of Camera Pictures in Colours Shows
Rapid Progress of New Methods

Illustration of the great strides photographing in colour is making is given at the exhibition opened yesterday at the premises of the "British Journal of Photography."

The exhibition contains striking specimens of portraiture and of landscape, in which the tints of Nature are perfectly reproduced.

Most of the prints are produced by the blending of blue, red, and green, although in some cases a portrait of the King, for example—only two colours are used; and all the effects of an oil-painting are obtained.

Among the best exhibits are photographs of flowers, and there are some excellent transparencies of stained-glass windows.

MORE WORK FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

A recent gift of £100 from the Comtesse de Noailles for the Poplar unemployed was not sent, as reported, "to clean out the ponds and ditches in the Poplar," but for cleaning ponds and ditches on farms held by the Poplar Guardians in Essex.

Mr. William Crooks, M.P., thanking the Comtesse, said the suggestion afforded another proof of how much useful work could be found for the unemployed.

MRS. SEDDON RELEASED.

Pathetic Figure in the Mortlake Tragedy
Granted Liberty To-day.

To-day new hope and life dawned for Mrs. Marian Seddon, who will be released from Holloway Prison, where she has been incarcerated on the charge of murdering her aged husband.

The case is one of the most poignant pathos. After a hard and prolonged struggle, Mrs. Seddon, an elderly woman, and her aged husband, decided that fate was against them. They took poison together. The husband died; the wife lived. The letter of the law proclaimed the poor woman a murderer, and sentence of death was passed. Mrs. Seddon was, of course, reprieved, and now she is to be released.

She was to go to-day to a home to be provided by the Salvation Army, where she would have had something useful to do, and where the last few years of her life would have been made happy. In fact, the Home Secretary, when announcing her impending release, stated that she would be placed in the care of the Salvation Army.

At almost the last moment Mrs. Seddon changed her mind, and now she will be taken in charge by the Church Army. Everything the former organisation had planned to do the latter will carry out. The curious part of this emergence of Mrs. Seddon into a new life is that it was brought about largely through the efforts of the Salvation Army.

Mrs. Bramwell Booth intervened on her behalf, and, after extensive correspondence with the late Home Secretary, Mr. Akers-Douglas, a reprieve was granted, which ended in his authorising her release.

GREAT LINER'S JOYOUS RESCUERS.

Tank Steamer Receives £5,000 for Assistance in
the Atlantic in an Hour of Need.

The substantial compensation of £5,000 was awarded in the Admiralty Court yesterday to the proprietors of the Tyneside steamer *Lucigen*.

While proceeding from the Tyne to Philadelphia the *Lucigen*, which was built at the Elswick Works in September last, fell in with the disabled North German Lloyd steamer *Bremen* (from New York to Continental ports). The *Bremen*, valued in all at over a quarter of a million pounds sterling, had a general cargo, 168 passengers, and a crew of 320 when she left America, and soon after broke her port propeller shaft.

The *Lucigen* towed her a distance of over 230 miles into Halifax Harbour. The owners of the *Bremen* admitted the service, but denied their ship was in any danger, saying only towage was needed. The compensation awarded will be apportioned as follows:—Owners, £3,500; captain, £500; crew, £1,000.

ECLIPSE'S SKELETON.

Keen Interest in the Hunt for the Relics of the
Famous Racehorse.

Professor Ray Lankester's desire that the skeleton of the famous racehorse *Eclipse* may be discovered and lodged in the Natural History Museum at South Kensington has keenly interested many *Daily Mirror* readers, several of whom argue that there should be no difficulty in settling the authenticity of the Red Lion-square relics.

A veterinary surgeon, who was a student under Professor Gamgee at the time the skeleton was in the latter's possession, points out that the unique formation of *Eclipse's* cervical vertebrae, in which there are eight instead of seven bones, should afford positive proof of the authenticity of the relics.

In Yonatt's book, "The Horse," a minute description is given of *Eclipse*.

"WEEKLY DISPATCH" ENTERPRISE.

How Election Returns Will Be Announced
To-morrow.

Eleven special trains, thirty motor-cars, and sixty special vans are employed by the "Weekly Dispatch" to give its readers all over England and Wales the full and complete election results.

This enterprise, entailing enormous cost, has never before been attempted in the history of weekly journalism, but it is only one of many remarkable achievements of the "Weekly Dispatch" in producing the best Sunday paper.

To-morrow the "Dispatch" will have special articles and a cartoon on the Labour victories in the elections, together with the latest results of the polling.

The "Dispatch" sporting and football news reports are admittedly the best in any Sunday paper.

Reduced to her last halfpenny, Rose Clayton, an elderly woman of Willesden Green, went into a field, drank poison, and died.

"UNLOVELY LONDON" DISCONSOLATE.

How a Lady's Picturesque Legacy
Has Been Lost.

"TO GLADDEN THE EYE."

London suffered a sad blow in the Probate Division yesterday. It was deprived of "an ornamental structure of Gothic design," to be erected at the cost of nearly £12,000, at some central spot in the midst of it.

The generous person who wished to beautify London thus died some little while ago. She was a young lady—by name Miss Lena Beatrice Clayton Browne, a resident of Windsor, and a relative of Sir W. H. Hornby, M.P., of Blackburn.

By a will, dated August, 1900, she bequeathed the bulk of her fortune, after trifling legacies had been paid, to the embellishment of the metropolis, to be carried out in the following manner:—

Of Gothic form, a market cross, a tall clock, a street lamp, or all combined, were to be erected.

IMPRESSIVE TO THE EYE.

No money was to be paid for the site. Miss Browne's name was not to appear on the erection. The outline was to be impressive when seen from afar.

On the market cross, street refuge, etc., the following words were to be written:—

"Many and manifold are the gifts ministering to the flesh. Therefore is this structure dedicated to the more neglected gladdening of the eye. A thing of beauty is a joy for ever."

The æsthetic testatrix had given further directions as to the structure. It was to be opened by the Royal Institute of Architects. There were to be "no masses of metal" on it. "No bronze or iron." Nor was there to be any "dead-white marble or alabaster." Such things "became toneless in our moist climate." However, there were to be "no pigments except on absolutely flat surfaces."

But, alas! London was to remain market-cross-less. Relatives of Miss Browne came to the Probate Court, and opposed the will.

THE WILL OPPOSED.

In opposition it was alleged that Miss Browne died of melancholia and coma, and that when she made the will she was of unsound mind.

Evidence was given that at a boarding-house at Windsor she had torn up the carpets and cut to pieces the arm-chair. She had insisted on eating her breakfast on the landing outside her bedroom. She tried to cut up the sofa.

Once when she was staying at Pleasington Hall, the seat of her relative, Sir W. H. Hornby—it was the time of the smallpox epidemic—she proposed that she should be vaccinated on her back.

"The Gothic structure is tottering," said the President, as he listened to the evidence.

Mr. Barnard, K.C., said that Mr. Stewart, executor of the will with Sir W. H. Hornby, had asked for probate merely to take the opinion of the Court.

This the President gave against the will.

It was stated that a previous will would be presented in common form. Mr. Stewart received his costs from the estate.

"GENIUS BEHIND THE BRUTE."

M. de Féraudy's Fine Performance in "Les Affaires
Sont les Affaires."

Londoners had an opportunity of seeing "Business is Business" in its original form at the Royalty Theatre last night, without the supposed whims and topical allusions by Mr. Sidney Grundy it contained when it was produced in English by Mr. Tree.

It is an extraordinarily powerful study—this of the money-mad man of business, driving over ruined lives and broken hearts at riches. One of the most terribly forcible scenes in the drama of recent years is that where the iron-willed money-maker is brought face to face with the daughter who refuses to submit to the "marriage of convenience" he has arranged, and no less moving is the scene that follows where the news comes that the rich man's son—his one tenderness, his one weakness—has been killed whilst in his house.

Whereas Mr. Tree, as *Isidore Lechat*, made of the early passages a character-study of a mildly imbecile and very fat old gentleman, who seemed to have made his money by poking people in the ribs with rulers, M. de Féraudy showed us the man of brains behind the parvenu, the man of genius behind the brute.

NEW CRUISER HELPS CHARITY.

H.M.S. Black Prince the latest and most powerful type of armoured cruiser, will be on view in the Victoria Dock, London, at a small charge, on Saturday afternoons, January 27 and February 3, and on Sunday, February 4. The proceeds will be given to the Seamen's Hospital and the Poplar and West Ham Hospitals.

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

Sir Charles Palmer is the oldest member of the new Parliament, being in his eighty-fourth year.

The Lady Mayoress will hold her first reception at the Mansion House, on Tuesday, February 6.

Sir William Anson will, this evening, open the extension buildings of the Working Men's College at Camden Town.

Bloodhounds are being used in the search for a farmer who disappeared after attending Pomeroy Fair, Tyrone, ten days ago.

Four new companies of the Army Medical Corps Militia are to be raised and will be located in London, Glasgow, Devonport, and Cork.

At Bow-street yesterday the magistrate ordered the police to hand over two £5 notes to a carman who found them in an envelope in the street last March.

By an arrangement between shipbuilders of the North-East Coast and boiler-makers, made at Newcastle yesterday, the men are to have a 2½ per cent. increase of wages.

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs, will this evening distribute the prizes to the London Rifle Brigade at the headquarters in Bunhill-row.

Fining the driver of a postal van for cruelty to a horse, a Manchester magistrate observed that it was a disgrace to the Post Office to employ such antiquated beasts as he saw daily in the city.

The late Sir George Williams, founder of the Young Men's Christian Association, left estate worth £248,450. He bequeathed £1,000 to the Y.M.C.A., and £1,000 to various charities.

The number of Fellows of the Zoological Society is now 3,702, the largest total recorded in the history of the society.

The Duke of Norfolk will unveil the war memorial to the 3rd Royal Sussex Regiment in front of the pier at Eastbourne on February 7.

On arrival at Avonmouth yesterday the steamer Port Antonio reported having passed in mid-ocean last Sunday the London steamer Zebra, partly disabled.

A bye-law to suppress the noise of the street-hawkers failed to pass at Marylebone Borough Council meeting, although twenty-five members voted for and nine against, as a majority of two-thirds is necessary.

In the last fifteen years, said Sir John McDougall at yesterday's meeting of the Royal Commission on the Peckle-mind, the London County Council has provided asylums with 10,000 beds, at a cost of over £2,500,000.

It has been decided to close the Edington Tea Gardens, a popular Wiltshire resort of excursionists, on account of disorderly conduct on the part of some of the visitors. The parish church was desecrated on one occasion, the trippers donning surplices and holding a mock service.

RAILWAY STATION IN TRAFALGAR-SQUARE.



Below this unpretentious entrance in Trafalgar-square is the station of the Baker-street and Waterloo Tube Railway. It is thought that these deep underground railways will do much to solve the London traffic problem.

"Ballot Boxes in Church" will be the Rev. Wilson Carle's topic to-morrow evening at St. Mary-at-Hill, Monument.

The Playgoers' Club will take 2,500 poor children to the pantomime at the Britannia Theatre, Hoxton, this afternoon.

For the position of infirmity messenger at a salary of 32s. a week Wandsworth Guardians have received 325 applications.

"Call Night" of Hilary Term, at the four Inns of Court, will be held next Friday, when seven students will be called to the Bar at their respective Inns.

It is the intention of the War Office to re-arm the whole of the coast defence forts from the Thames to Plymouth with 6in. and 9in. guns, the present armament of 4.7 guns being withdrawn.

Lieutenant A. V. Ross, of the battleship *Hudston*, lies in a critical condition in Farningham Hospital, Portsmouth, with a fractured skull caused by a block falling upon him from the rigging.

By a proposed compulsory purchase the Hove Corporation would obtain possession of a portion of sea frontage which would enable them to have a continuous marine promenade two miles long.

To a Canadian Government trade return issued yesterday the belief is expressed that "Canadian canoes are bound to become popular when people have learned how to use them," and that a growing export trade may be looked for.

Mr. Green, president of the London Anglers' Association, has captured at Farningham, Ferring, a 26lb. salmon, the largest, so far, of the present season.

"Joy may endure for a night, but sorrow cometh in the morning," said Mr. Plowden at Marylebone to a defendant charged with getting drunk over election results.

Lord Stanley is expected to succeed Mr. Arthur James as Steward of the Jockey Club on April 18, when Mr. James will have completed his three years' term of office.

Two children were gallantly rescued from a burning house in Whitechapel yesterday by firemen, four of whom rushed into the building, returning after a long but successful search.

Bury Corporation have rejected a proposal to regulate the use of noisy brakes upon vehicles. The Carters' and Lorrymen's Union made urgent representations against the proposal.

Owing to the high fire insurance rates in New York, a number of Brooklyn manufacturers have opened negotiations for taking out insurance policies totalling £20,000,000 with London companies.

Army bandsmen are greatly exercised over a proposal of the War Office to substitute a low pitch for the present high one adopted in all regimental bands, the change involving heavy expenditure on altering instruments.

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STIFLING ENTERPRISE.

WE talk a great deal about taking steps to meet foreign competition, but whenever such a step is taken someone always seems to delight in denouncing it as illegal or un-English or undignified or something silly of that kind.

People often ask why our watering-places and other holiday resorts do not compete with similar centres of pleasure and health-seeking abroad by letting the public know of their attractions.

Every such place in France or Switzerland or Austria or Italy, which lays itself out for visitors from this country, does a certain amount of advertising, and pays for it out of the rates.

The natural argument is that the whole place benefits by a good season, and that it is for the benefit of all the ratepayers that the money is being spent.

Here we don't bother about logic. We ask "Has the thing ever been done before?" And if the answer is "No," we say, "Then it can't be done now, so there's an end of it."

The Local Government Board has just refused to sanction ratepayers' money being spent even on the telegraphing to London of a daily weather report. The stupidity of this attitude is suicidal.

It makes no difference whether the ratepayers favour such expenditure or not. "You want to attract visitors, do you?" says the Local Government Board. "No you don't. We can't have you imitating these foreigners. Stop it now."

A little common sense is wanted. Where is Mr. John Burns? II.

THE DUTY OF CHEERFULNESS.

We all like cheerful people. They do us good.

It is much nicer to wake up with a sunbeam streaming into your room than to see the morning sky dark and dismal and depressing.

So is it much nicer to be greeted with a smile, with an expression which suggests contentment, than to meet gloomy faces, or ill-tempered looks, or features twisted up by trouble, whether imaginary or real.

Everyone admits that it is a duty to pay rates and taxes, to obey the laws, to be true and just in all our dealings. How many realise that it is also a duty to be cheerful?

If you were told that you were unconsciously committing suicide by degrees, or killing someone else unawares by repeated doses of a slow poison, you would be horrified. You would alter your way of life at once.

Well, by not being cheerful you are injuring both others and yourself. Shakespeare called heaviness "life-harming." Shakespeare was right.—Take his advice:

Put away life-harming heaviness,
And cultivate a cheerful disposition.

See the advantage of cheerfulness. Mr. Eustace Miles, the expert on exercise and diet, wrote an article some time ago telling people that if they forced themselves to look happy, even when they were not happy, they would soon feel happiness coming back.

A young girl read this. She did not say, "What rot!" as many girls would. She saw the truth of it. So much did it stimulate her that she felt she, too, must try to make people more cheerful.

So she wrote a little book (called "Life's Orchestra") with that object in view, and naturally sent a copy to Mr. Miles. Now they are going to be married—all through cheerfulness.

Young women, if that doesn't make you resolve to be cheerful, nothing will. E. B.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

If by illness or other causes you are obliged to give up your life-work, do not be depressed; for God accepts the will to do it as if it were done.—W. H. Cleaver.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

ONE of the Labour victories of the last few days are more remarkable than that of Mr. George Barnes, in the Blackheath Division of Glasgow. He had to contend there against one of Mr. Chamberlain's most intelligent lieutenants—against Mr. Bonar Law, who has a terrific armory of statistics and figures in support of tariff reform. Within his own political preserves Mr. Chamberlain is, we know, omnipotent. But this election shows that his friends must not, in the literal sense, wander far from him if they are to win.

Mr. George Barnes is certainly a remarkable man. He has lived the determined, toiling life of the man who has to fight his way to the top against a driving wind. He was apprenticed, some time in the early 'sixties, as an engineer in Dundee. But before this, and as a little boy, he had worked in a jute factory. Very early he showed a taste for politics—though, perhaps, it may be misleading to call by such a frivolous name his resolute fighting for a deeply-loved cause. He "knocked about" London and Lancashire, to use his own expressive phrase, for some years, then became assistant secretary to the Amalgamated

lessness in it—as from one who has argued often, and often found deaf hearers. But about the dignity and the power of the whole performance there was certainly never a doubt.

There has been some talk about the possibility of Mr. Chaplin entering a petition against the result of his election. Election petitions have never been very popular with defeated candidates, and Mr. Cobden, in 1859, gave very excellent reasons for this. "The principal obstacle to a petition," he said, "is that it may cost a man £500 or £5,000. The consequence is that few men have the courage to present one and to undergo the risk and expense of following it out before a Committee of the House of Commons."

Then the speaker went on to show that even if the petitioner succeeded in proving corrupt practices on the part of his opponent the result was unsatisfactory. "The opponent is declared unseated. But that does not give the injured candidate the seat. It merely says that there shall be another election in the same borough, that he may go again and incur the same expense with the same prospect of an election petition, and that those very men who have been shown to have

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

A PLAINTIVE WAIL.

Will you please allow me a small space in your valuable paper to complain of the state of the country at large? A wave of insanity is passing over the country.

Manchester and other large towns have completely taken leave of their senses. For instance, at Wolverhampton a Labour man has defeated a wealthy gentleman who gives enormous employment to the working classes of that district.

If I was this gentleman, I would close my works, thus throwing hundreds out of employment, for they deserve it. They are simply fighting against their own welfare and for the welfare of the foreigners.

Will the working man of England ever open his eyes to the truth? Or will he have to stare before he sees that tariff reform is necessary for this country. The Liberal Party have assumed office for the first time for ten years by means of misrepresentations which would put a burglar to shame. Leicester. FREDERICK MORRISON.

UNFOUNDED FEARS.

In plain words, the aim of the Labour Party is to make war on the landowner and capitalist, but it should be remembered that if the rights of property be ignored the small shopkeeper will suffer as much.

The Socialists may look upon the taxpayers and the ratepayers as sheep they have to shear, but when their wealth is exhausted labour will be ruined, too.

The reason Socialism ought to be feared is that it would crush the middle classes, who suffer in advance of the large capitalists, because they are less able to bear the burden; destroy incentives to work, and turn the free citizen into a mere machine.

The middle classes are as yet the backbone of the country, and they have good grounds for resisting the aggressions of Socialism. H. A. BULLY. Brighton.

THE QUEEN'S FUND MISMANAGED.

Referring to your article, I am quite in sympathy with the proposed organised protest against the dilatory manner in which the Queen's Unemployed Fund is being administered. It is simply absurd that money given for the poor and destitute should be squandered on "office furniture and clerks' salaries."

Present arrangements with regard to this fund forcibly remind one of a Biblical story heard in college days (T.C.D.). Question: "Why do the heathens so furiously rage together?" Answer: "Because they only get about 10 per cent. of the money collected for their conversion."

I wish every success to the Battersea Borough Council in their petition to her Majesty.

Lincoln House, Balham. J. B. SAUNDERSON.

DOES IT MEAN MORE TAXES?

One reads that the Labour Party's programme includes such things as "State feeding of children," "State aid for unemployed," "State pay for M.P.s," etc., etc.

What does all this "State aid" mean, and where is the money to come from? Does it mean that the expenses are to be met by fresh taxes, or the withholding a million or so from the Army and Navy expenses and devoting it to those items mentioned?

Ashford-road, Maidstone. A WORKING MAN.

POSTAL DELAY.

Do any of your correspondents know why letters take so long to go and come by the Irish mail?

I have just had a letter from my son who is at Fermoyn.

It is stamped "Fermoyn, 8.30 p.m., January 17." I received it at 9.30 on the 18th. It is stamped from Paddington "2.15 p.m., January 18."

As it is only twenty minutes' walk from my house to the Paddington Office I wonder why it takes seven hours and a quarter to come to me.

EILEEN NORTON.

Tavistock-road, Westbourne Park.

ANIMAL IMMORTALITY—A LAST WORD.

As the (unintentional) originator of your late correspondence, you will, perhaps, allow me a final word on the subject.

We seem to have forgotten that (so far as we know) man alone, of the creatures upon earth, has fallen by persistent continuance of ill-doing, and has necessitated a vast scheme for his restoration.

The animals, on the other hand, have never fallen below their original nature: many have distinctly improved on it. A. PRETOR. Weymouth.

IN MY GARDEN.

JANUARY 19.—This mild weather makes the plants for the time of year, grow quite quickly. No garden is complete without these beautiful and brilliant plants. The herbaceous section can be divided into two classes—the early-flowering and the late-flowering. Both are very precious subjects for garden decoration during summer and autumn, the dwarf kinds being compact and sturdy. There are the Alpine phloxes, wonderful in April and May, and the lovely annual "Drummondii." E. F. T.

WHERE DOES THE QUEEN'S FUND GO? NOT TO THE UNEMPLOYED.



There is still much discontent about the delay in making use of the money collected at her Majesty's instance for the Unemployed. The Mayor of Battersea says if the "Daily Mirror" had been managing the Fund, Battersea's hungry out-of-works would have been set to work long ago.

Society of Engineers. At the election of 1895, it may be remembered, he was unsuccessful in his candidature for the Rochdale Division of Lancashire.

Sincerity is one of the virtues it is difficult to be certain of finding. It is so easy to put on the mask of a conviction. But certainly one of the best known of all the Labour leaders, Mr. Keir Hardie, who has been elected for Merthyr, has the ring of sincerity in his voice, its mark in his face and manner. He came down once, I remember, to speak at the Oxford Union—a place where most politicians go sooner or later in their attempt to secure an influence over the future, the rising generation. An audience more or less languidly curious, had gone to look upon Mr. Hardie as a strange being whom they expected to arrive with a spade over his shoulder and in corduroy trousers or leggings.

In point of fact Mr. Hardie's clothes were the most impersonal clothes ever seen—a vague blackness swathed him about. One was conscious of something red about the throat. What one looked at more than any of this was the pale, earnest face with its black beard, and the pained eyes looking out from it. Somebody made a dull speech of introduction. Then Keir Hardie got up and came forward to the table. From that moment he held his audience completely. It was scarcely a speech; it was certainly not oratory; it was more a conversational monologue spoken with supreme conviction, but with a little tinge of hope-

sold their votes before, may have the privilege of selling them again."

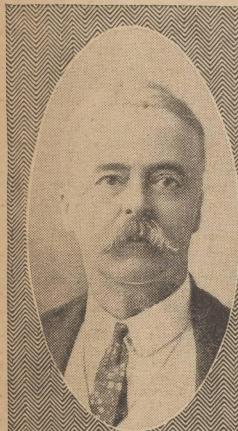
Students of French and the inhabitants of Soho have been very much interested in the plays at the Royalty this week. The pit, it is true, has been more crowded than the stalls—crowded by French people delighted to hear their tongue so perfectly spoken again. Perhaps the most successful performance (except "Les Affaires Sont Les Affaires" last night) was "Le Paon." "Cabotins" is another of Pailleron's old-fashioned studies.

M. de Férandy has revealed himself as a brilliant one might almost say as a metallic actor of the "finished" style approved by the Conservatoire and the other official dramatic institutions of France. There is little variety in his voice, his speeches are delivered with a snap and a bang—rattled through with no subtleties of inflexion and modulation. He is unable to "suggest" anything. But he represents a certain type satisfactorily. The success of Mlle. Marie Leconte is frankly, more difficult to explain. What extraordinary series of circumstances has made her a sociétaire of the Comédie Française?

She only made her debut there a few years ago, and was chosen to play the part of a grisette in "La Vie de Bohème" by Murger. She "fitted" the part, as Miss Dorothea Baird did that of Tribby. But after having played it she was relegated to secondary characters, and one really felt to see what she has done to earn her envied title.

THE DAY'S NEWS ILLUSTRATED

BONFIRE OF PETERBOROUGH MEMBER'S CARRIAGE.



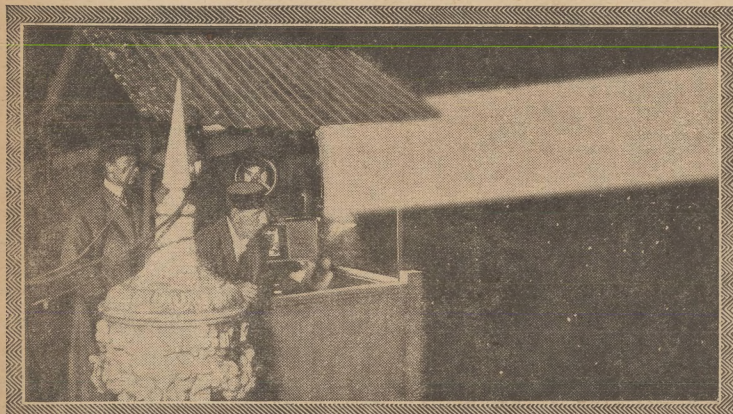
So delighted were the Radicals of Peterborough at the return of Mr. G. Greenwood that they burnt the above carriage after it had carried him to his hotel, and smashed plate-glass windows to the value of

over a hundred pounds. On the left is a portrait of Mr. Greenwood, and on the right that of Mrs. Greenwood. The wrecked carriage is kept as an election curiosity, and called the "Greenwood coach."

ELECTION RESULTS BY SEARCHLIGHT.



From the roof of the Alexandra Palace, by means of a powerful searchlight, using the Morse code, the North of London was kept informed of the election results. On the right of the photograph is seen a rocket, which by its colour denoted which party gained the seat.



Scene on the roof of the Alexandra Palace with the searchlight at work. The communications were made to the public exactly as between two armies in time of war.

FASTING FOR 45 DAYS.



Giuseppe Sacco, a Hungarian, has entered on a forty-five days' fast at the Royal Italian Circus. His only sustenance is mineral waters and cigarettes.

GREEK DRAMA ACTRESS.



Miss Edith Wynne Mathison is the charming Electra in the play of Euripides at the Court Theatre, produced for a series of matinees.—(Bassano.)

TO-DAY



Miss Muriel Sykes, daughter of West Ella, East Yorkshire,



—Mr. Tom Gurney, 2nd Life G and brother of the Countess of brother of the Du

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THE LATEST NEWS in PICTURES

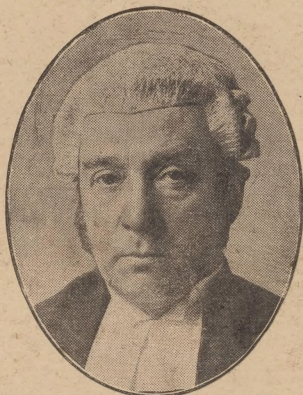
SPANISH ROYAL WEDDING PARTY.



Back row, reading from left to right: Princess Pilar, Don Carlos (Prince of Asturias), Prince George of Bavaria, Prince Louis of Orleans, Infanta Isabelle, Prince Henry of Bavaria, Infanta Eulalia, Prince Alphonse of Orleans, King of Spain, Prince Albert of Bavaria, Prince Louis Ferdinand of Bavaria, Prince Philippi of

Caserta, Prince Rénier of Caserta, Prince Conrad of Bavaria, Prince Sennero. Front row: Princess Louise of Bavaria (sitting), Queen of Spain (sitting), Infanta Isabel Teresa (baby), Don Alfonso (heir to throne), Infanta Paz, Infanta Marie Therese (bride), Prince Ferdinand (bridegroom), Archduke Frederick, Prince Alphonse of Bavaria.

JUDGE ON VALUE OF NOSES.



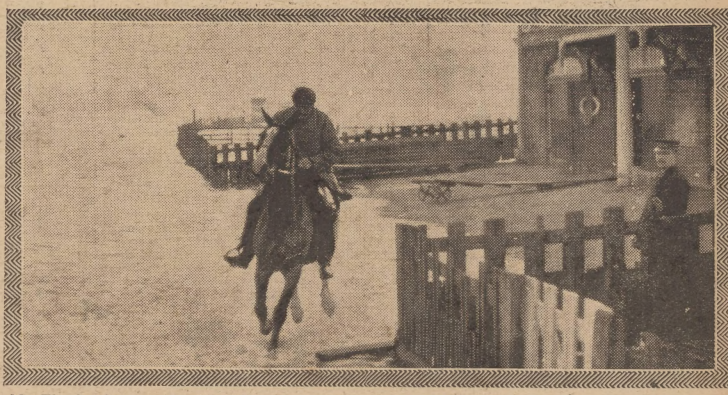
Mr. Justice Bigham said yesterday a beautiful lady's nose was more valuable than a judge's.—(Russell.)

CLEVER LADY PIANIST.



Miss Irene Scharrer, who gained the Eard scholarship, is giving an orchestral concert on the 30th at Queen's Hall. Mr. H. J. Wood conducts.

COACHING THE OXFORD CREW IN FLOOD.



Mr. Fletcher has considerable difficulty in coaching the Oxford crew for the Boatrace, owing to the tow-path being flooded. The photograph was taken by a *Daily Mirror* photographer at Oxford near Folly Bridge.

WRECKED PRESS-BOX AT LORD'S.



The high wind has blown the roof off the Press-box at Lord's Cricket Ground. It is hoped the M.C.C. will take the opportunity to build a more comfortable and convenient room to accommodate the reporters who spend many hours there recording cricket results.

P. Sykes and Mrs. Sykes, day, at Kirk Ella Church,

date Mr. Charles Gurney, stair Innes-Ker, R.H.G., is best man.

THE BROKEN LAW.

By J. B. HARRIS-BURLAND.

Author of "Dacobra," "Love, the Criminal," "Love at a Price," etc., etc.

CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

GEORGE CRAWSHAY, a wealthy bachelor of forty, had just left an eminent specialist, who had told him he had two more months to live. Crawshaw had spent an easy life of pleasure, but cared little that it was to end. Yet his life held a purpose. He had spent the last ten years in an endeavour to take vengeance on a man, and he had failed completely. Now, when death was close to him, he did not even know the name of the man whose destruction he had sought and planned—the man who had betrayed his step-sister. As Crawshaw sat gloomily contemplating his long and useless search, he was interrupted by the arrival of his friend.

SIR RICHARD GAUNT, a brutal, unscrupulous man of evil reputation, known as "Rakehell Gaunt." Crawshaw told him of the result of his interview with the specialist, and also of the futile search he had been making for the man on whom he longed to be revenged. Then he made a proposition that amazed Gaunt. He knew the impetuous state of the spendthrift, and offered him £20,000 on condition that he undertook to hunt down the man and ruin him after he (Crawshaw) was dead. But Gaunt, unscrupulous as he is, would not consent to this monstrous scheme.

Rakehell Gaunt gave a dinner at his flat. **LORD CARFAX** and **George Crawshaw** were his guests. The men had all been heavily. A quarrel arose, in which Gaunt killed Lord Carfax.

Gaunt was horrified at what he had done; but Crawshaw, drawing him aside, told him that he (Crawshaw) would say he committed the murder—if Gaunt would consent to the scheme already proposed to him, and hunt down the man he wants to be revenged upon. This Gaunt swears to do.

Crawshaw is arrested for manslaughter and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. He dies in prison, leaving Gaunt £20,000.

Then Gaunt discovers that the man he has sworn to ruin and hunt to death is well known to him. In fact, it is Sir Richard Gaunt himself.

He feels relieved at once. His task is over. The idea of ruining himself he regards as absurd, and thinks he is extremely lucky in escaping a search that might have lasted years. He goes to the country to see his mother.

LADY GWENDOLEN GAUNT, with whose rich ward, **LADY BETTY DRAKE**, he wishes to revive an old love affair. Sir Richard asks Lady Betty to be his wife and she consents.

Lady Gaunt dies. Lady Betty goes to live with a friend in London; Sir Richard stops on at his country home. He takes to drink, and sinks into such a state that he attempts to take his own life. The doctor advises a sea voyage, so he sets out for Australia. On board the *Santigua* he makes love to

ISABEL DICKINSON, and, while they are sitting together, an explosion takes place on the steamer.

CHAPTER XII. (continued).

For a moment there was a continuous splash and rattle, while the heavens rained wood and iron and human flesh upon the deck and the surface of the waters. Then there was silence for a few seconds. Half the people in the ship had been killed or stunned by the explosion. The rest had been flung to wall, and were dazed and helpless. The few survivors on the after-part of the deck had escaped with little injury beyond the shock and a few bruises. Gaunt and Miss Dickinson, mercifully flung under the shelter of a huge ventilating shaft, had been protected from the rain of shattered wood and twisted iron.

Gaunt staggered to his feet, and felt the slope of the deck, and heard the shrieks of women and the shouts of men. He did not know what had happened, but he knew that death was near to him. The whole scene was in total darkness, for the explosion had extinguished every light on the ship. He was no coward, but the situation was terrible enough to appal the bravest. Only one thing was certain. The ship was going down. The deck was almost an angle of forty-five degrees, and he could scarcely keep his foothold.

Then he thought of the woman, and seizing her by the arm, he dragged her to her feet, and pulled her towards the rail of the deck. She, poor soul, flung suddenly from the heights of passion into the horrors of death, was unable to think or act for herself.

Far below them, as though rising from a dark pit, they heard the screams and yells of the passengers, and then the deafening hiss of steam. Gaunt found the rail, groped along it till he came to two lifebells. He thrust one over the girl's shoulders and hung the other on his arm.

"It's all right," he shouted, "if you'll only keep cool. Come with me and hold on to my arm."

He crept forward down the hill of the deck, and did not pause till the water touched his feet; then he lifted the girl on to the rail and climbed up to her side.

"Jump," he said quickly, "the water's close to you. It's our only chance."

They jumped together, hand in hand, and directly they rose to the surface Gaunt, who was a good swimmer, struck out with all his strength and pulled the girl after him.

Before they had gone fifty yards the *Santigua* had slipped down to a thousand fathom of water, and had been dotted out like a stone flung into a pool. A few specks of humanity struggling for life on an ocean infested with sharks represented all the crowd of men and firing passengers who had been dancing at the ball. Only three minutes had elapsed between the collision and the disappearance of the shattered hull.

As the great ship sank with a final roar of steam, Gaunt and his companion were drawn under the water. But they were too far from the vortex to be sucked down with the sinking hull. Buoyed up

by their life-belts, they rose quickly to the surface. Gaunt still held on to the girl, and all the time he kicked and splashed the water. He knew that any moment might be his last on earth, and that the sharks might be fighting over the fragments of their limbs and bodies.

Then his hand struck something hard in the darkness, and clutched it and found that it was wood, jagged and splintered on the edges. And, feeling his way along it, he discovered that it was a large piece of planking, torn from the bows of the liner or else from the deck of the small steamer. He let go of the girl, and climbing up on to the wreckage found that it was large and would bear the weight of both of them. Then he helped her up to his side.

"That's good," he cried gleefully; "we've cheated them."

"Cheated whom?" the girl asked. "The shark devils," he answered. "They might have lopped off our legs at any minute. We must be careful, though—silence, the sea is dark. 'Tis a cranky craft, and we shall have to keep it from turning over."

The piece of wreckage rocked as the girl shifted her position.

"That's better," said Gaunt cheerfully. "I dare say we'll be picked up at daylight. I wonder if they manage to launch a boat."

The girl did not answer, but she moaned piteously. Gaunt held her hand and tried to comfort her. But she only sobbed and cried until she fell asleep from sheer exhaustion.

But Gaunt kept watch, and stared into the darkness, waiting for the dawn, and wondering what the light of the sun would show on the face of the waters.

CHAPTER XIII.

The Hand of God.

At last the dawn burst swiftly and suddenly in the east, and ten minutes after the first flush of light in the sky the whole scene stood out clearly in the sunshine.

The water, smooth as glass, was covered with small fragments of wreckage, but there was no sign of any boat, or of any human being.

Gaunt inspected the small raft on which he found himself. It was a piece of deck-planking, still adhering to two thick beams, which had been torn out of the framework of the vessel. The buoyancy of these heavy timbers raised the planking a few inches above the water, but the whole concern was scarcely safe, even in a calm sea, and it would be certain to turn over if a wave struck it. He resolved to strengthen it, if possible, with some more timber.

He managed to break off a loose piece of planking, which served as a clumsy substitute for an oar, and, with the aid of this, he contrived to move the raft very slowly through the water. At the end of three hours' hard toil he had picked up several pieces of spar and cordage, and had lashed them to the edges of the raft. Although the work was done in a most unseamlike fashion, yet the whole structure acquired stability from the extra pieces of timber, and it was possible to move about freely without fear of being thrown into the sea.

Then he proceeded to look for food and water, but he found neither, and before midnight the girl, who had struggled bravely against the torments of thirst and hunger, lapsed into a state of insensibility.

Soon after sunset a breeze sprang up, but even if Gaunt had been able to set a sail, it would have been of no use to him. He did not know the lie of the nearest land. He was helpless on the smooth plain of water. He could only wait, and hope for the passing of some ship.

And then came the darkness and a night of terror. For the girl grew delirious, and tried to fling herself into the sea. Hour after hour he clutched her tightly in his arms, and listened to her ravings. He thought of the last occasion on which he had held her in his embrace, and perhaps the poor crazy woman was thinking of it, too, for she shrieked of the judgment of God, and of the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and of sin, and of the wages of sin, which is death. And then at last his own strength failed him, and he fainted, and when he came to his senses it was broad daylight, and he was alone.

He wondered whether she had thrown herself off the raft in her delirium, or whether she had recovered her senses and decided to die rather than endure another hour of torment. Her life-belt lay on the planking. He remembered that he had slipped it over her arms and shoulders in the first few minutes of her madness. But it might easily have fallen off by accident.

No vessel was in sight, and there was nothing to be seen but the broad expanse of ocean, scarred with small waves. For all Gaunt knew to the contrary, the raft had not moved from the scene of the wreck. He knew nothing of the strong, swift currents that convert every sea into a network of flowing streams.

He peered over the edge of the raft and saw two long, shadowy forms moving in the depths of the clear, green water. These were the silent watchers of the deep, waiting till the raft capsize on the

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BREAK IN KAFFIRS.

CAPEL COURT, Friday Evening.—Markets did not show much indication of activity to-day. It will come in due time. But the general election still has its influences, and the approach of the fortnightly settlement on the Stock Exchange almost as much. On the whole markets were satisfactory. Perhaps there were as many falls as there were rises, but there was not much in it either way, and in the prevailing dullness that is quite good enough to go on with.

There was not much heart in the gilt-edged market, and Consols were barely so good as yesterday. The closing price, however, showed a rally, for the Continent is still buying our discount paper, and the gilt-edged market liked this feature. After being dull, therefore, Consols closed at the round 90.

GREAT EASTERN AND BRIGHTON REPORTS.

The Home Railway reports are encouraging. They seem to show economies of working and savings of expenditure. This was the case both with the Great Eastern and the Brighton. So the market argues that if such is the case here it should mean low working rates elsewhere. From this they deduce that the dividends on the great trade lines should be fully up to expectations. But business is so slack and the end of the account so near that, in spite of the greater dividend confidence, prices are even a little lower for the day. Rarely indeed has a dividend period found such tame markets.

Those in touch with the Wall Street Stock Exchange continue to tip Americans as though there was nothing better in the world. But on any decline, is the favourite advice. Probably, therefore, the American public are being encouraged in similar fashion. If they are responding, as certainly seems to be the case from the underlying strength of the market, it is a good thing for the insiders, who had to buy so very heavily not so long ago. Whether it is equally good for the public is perhaps another story. But prices were by no means bad to-day in the American section.

CANADIAN RAILS TIPSTERS.

Tipsters are equally busy with the Canadian Rails, and especially with Grand Trunks.—They say that the latest news, too, from Argentina is wholly encouraging agriculturally, and that, therefore, prices should be better. Just at the moment, however, this market is decidedly idle. But Foreign Rails certainly seem to lose none of their popularity.

A good tendency is seen for Uruguay Rails, owing to the greater prosperity in the country, for Mexican Rails, and, in fact, for nearly all the sections in which British investors are so largely interested. Where the railway systems of the world outside Europe and the United States would be but for British capital is a subject not capable of easy solution.

GAMBLERS IN COPPER CHECKED.

Apparently the gamblers in copper, like the gamblers in copper shares, have received a check. After the long upward course of prices it is not perhaps surprising. The "bears" have been aggressive for some days past, and the weak "bulls" have been timid. So sales have brought down prices of the metal equally with the prices of the copper shares.

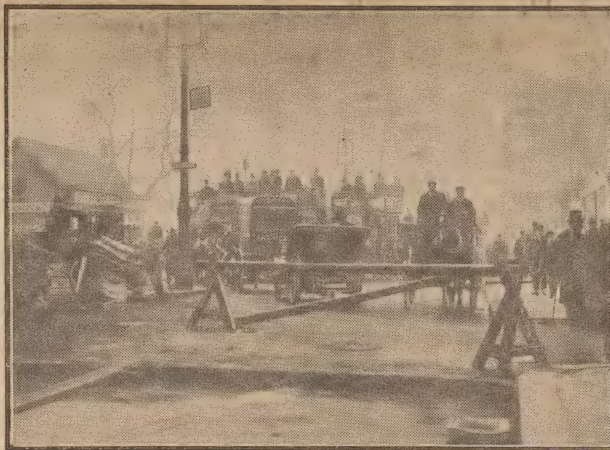
Apparently the Atlantic cable companies are doing better, probably as a result of the improved Stock Exchange business in New York. At all events, the Anglo-American Telegraph Deferred dividend was at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., whereas most people had expected nothing at all. But there are still several dull sections on the Stock Exchange, notably brewery and electric lighting descriptions, all the result of this general election. "Country going to the dogs, sir," has been heard many times lately.

The Kaffir market had rather a nasty break in the afternoon, and was never helped by the Premier's further statement on the question of Chinese labour. All that could be said for the week close was that it was above the worst. There was talking of the passing of various dividends and of difficulties in the market. The other mining sections were also unsatisfactory, though West Africans kept up fairly well, and the Egyptian lot was not bad.

LORD STRATHCONA'S LAST VISIT.

Lord Strathcona's present visit to Canada will, it is said, be his last. His lordship is accompanied by his solicitor, and is arranging to give up his splendid house in Montreal. Of late this has seldom been visited by its owner, whose old interests in the Scottish Highlands have now increased by his purchase of the famous Glencoe estate.

TRAFFIC OBSTRUCTION IN PICCADILLY.



Thousands of pounds are lost yearly in London through the streets being pulled up. Above is the present condition of Piccadilly outside the new Ritz Hotel and the Duke of Devonshire's mansion.

THE BROKEN LAW.

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crest of a wave or till the man threw himself overboard in his agony.

And as he saw them he set his teeth, and seizing a spare piece of lashing he knotted it about his waist, so that he could not move a foot in any direction. Whatever happened, he would die in the air and not in the water.

Then Richard Gaunt waited the end that was not far off. And as he waited his past life rose up before him, as it rises up to the brain of a drowning man.

Once again two periods stood out with ghastly distinctness from all the tangled web of sin and shame. And once more he recalled the words of his oath, and laughed like a maniac, as he mouthed them with his lips. The oath would be kept to the very letter. The man who ruined Violet Hexamer was going to die. George Crawshaw himself could not have wished for a worse end to the life of his enemy. The man was going to die, cut off in the very midst of his sins, without a chance of repentance or atonement, and with the record of his life before his eyes. And in all that record, so replete with incident, he could barely recall a single event which a dying man would care to contemplate. It had been one lurid story of sin and shame. The keynote had been pleasure, and the music, varied though it had been, had been played in that single key. To Richard Gaunt, weak, exhausted, and with a mind attuned to less earthly things every melody was hideous and discordant.

Then, after an hour or two of thought, in which the tale of all his sins, and all the wrongs that he had done to others, rose up before him as clearly as though it had been written in letters of fire, he creased aloud in his agony of body and mind, and fumbled at the knots about his waist.

"Yes, Crawshaw, yes," he cried. "I will keep my oath. Here is the life you asked for." And then he mercifully lost his senses, and the moon shone down on his prostrate body, shifting to and fro on the boards as the waves ran under the raft and rocked it from side to side. But the stout rope held, and Sir Richard Gaunt was denied the quietude of death.

Once more he came to his senses, and as he stared up into the night he tried to remember what had happened and where he was. And, as he recalled the horrors of the last two days, he clasped his hands and tried to pray. But religion had formed no part of Gaunt's life since his second and last year at a public school. He had been confirmed in that year, and six months afterwards he had been expelled from the school. He tried to remember some set form of prayer, and his mind went back to the days of his childhood when

he had prayed at his mother's knee. But he could remember nothing, save that he had knelt on the floor and clasped his hands. Now he could not kneel, but he twined his fingers together.

"Oh, Lord, have mercy upon me," he muttered, and then, "Oh, Lord, have mercy upon my soul." And then he babbled out a fragment of the Lord's Prayer.

And then he recalled a line of a hymn.

"Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes." And then his lips moved rapidly, and incoherent words came from them, and the soul, which had so long refused the expression which the strong heart and body of a man could have given to it, now at last rose from its lethargy, and found that the mind and voice were too weak to respond to its promptings.

And then, in the silence and darkness of that eastern sea, a grant and a wonderful thing happened. It might have been described as a miracle, were it not that the term "miracle" is usually applied to some material and unnatural demonstration of the Divine power. Here nothing happened that a man could see or hear, and yet the thing that happened to Sir Richard Gaunt was truly as wonderful as the vision of any angel on the face of the waters.

The incoherence of his broken prayers suddenly ceased, and, raising himself on one elbow, he stared out across the waters. He could see nothing, for though the moon was bright in the sky overhead there was a mist before his eyes. But swiftly as a curtain is whipped aside, the cloud was drawn off his brain. The confused darkness of his thoughts gave place to a clear contemplation of the past, and the death that was so near to him. He saw himself as he was, and as he might be, if God spared his life.

And as he learnt the truth he prayed, no longer in the frenzied prayers of a man who is clutching at the remnants of his religious faith, but with the clear deep calm of one who prays for salvation, and knows that his prayer will reach the ears of God.

"Have mercy, oh Lord!" he cried aloud. "Forgive the past. Give me the future, and I will serve Thee to the end of my days."

He listened as though he expected an answer to come back to him out of the silence. But there was no sound save the splash of the waves as they ran past him into the path of moonlight.

And then he saw that even his prayer was vile in the sight of God. He had tried to buy his life by promising to turn from evil. He had almost held out a bribe to the Almighty. He shrank from the thought of the words he had used, and lay very swiftly clasped hands and moving lips.

"Forgiveness," he muttered, after a long silence. "That is all I ask; forgiveness for my sins. Then let me die."

They were not the words of a hypocrite, trying to seek favour in the eyes of God. They were true words, spoken from the heart. Richard Gaunt had suddenly ceased to long for life. He saw clearly that he had deserved the sentence of death, and there was no longer any wish to struggle against his fate. He no longer feared the sea, or the madness or the slow torment of hunger and thirst, or the things that watched in the water. He was content to die, and was not afraid of aught but the hereafter.

"Forgiveness is all I ask," he moaned, and listened for some answer to his prayer.

But there came no answer. The spiritual peace which might have come to the mind of a good man was denied him. Repentance, remorse, self-abasement, humility, all these were given to him. But there was no peace.

Then the darkness seemed to close in upon him like a wall, and he fancied that he was falling down into a bottomless gulf, and he heard the roar of a gigantic waterfall, that beat all thought, and prayer, and life into silence.

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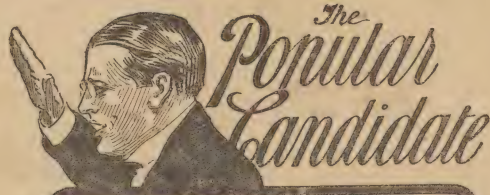
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THE POPULARITY OF PAINTED PICTURES.

I have two sets of prize announcements to make this week, both of them highly satisfactory. The painting pictures have proved a great success, and have brought us numbers of new contributors. So heavy have the posts been during the last few weeks that it has been with great difficulty that we have been able to make our judgment up to date.

Let us first of all consider the clown who waves a banner wishing us all a Happy New Year. The first prize for this picture, which is five shillings, is awarded to Arthur G. Parson, Beech View, Crevkerne, who is ten years of age. His work was accomplished entirely without aid, a fact that was vouched for by the principal of the Crevkerne Commercial School. It is truly creditable to so young an artist.

The second prize of 2s. 6d. is awarded to Miss I. M. Hunt, Doddbrooke Manor, Doddbrooke, South Devon, aged eleven. Miss Hunt framed and

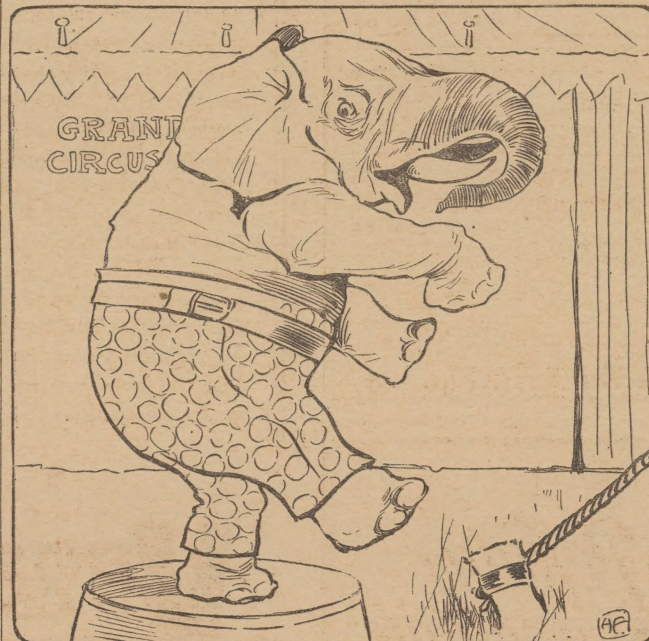
girl a blue skirt, a cherry-coloured bodice spotted with gold, and a green scarf evidently edged with sable. Her cap is a white one, and she carries a most expensive and beautiful ermine muff. Vera has added a verse of poetry to her picture, which is very clever of her. This is what it is:—

My wish, as I glide o'er the ice in its prime:
May the dear English maids have as jolly a time.

A boy carries off the third prize of two and sixpence. His name is Charles Clifford Murgatroyd, his age is twelve, and he lives at 194, St. Leonard's-road, Gillingham, Bradford. Another boy is successful as the winner of the fourth prize of two and sixpence. Ted Fumage is his name, he is twelve years of age, and his address is 142, Merton-road, Wimbledon, Surrey.

Honourable mentions are awarded to Madeline Proctor, 134, Leathwaite-road, New Wandsworth, S.W.; Dorothy Dewey, 50, Raleigh-road, Horsey, N.; Pauline Dewey, 50, Raleigh-road, Horsey, N.; Blanche Holmes, Oakfield, Wokingham, Berks; Gordon Palmer, 42, Sheen Park, Richmond, Surrey; Dora Molineux, Soulgate, Albert-road, Wolverhampton; F. Kennedy, 531, Caledonian-road, Holloway, N.; and Lily Maynard, Ely's Hotel, Green Park, Bath.

The picture that will be perceived on this page shows an elephant on a tub, which is to be painted



When this picture has been nicely coloured in water-colours or by means of chalks, it should be sent in to the "Children's Corner," "Daily Mirror," 12, Whitefriars-street, London, E.C., up till the first post on Wednesday morning, January 24. Four prizes are, as usual, offered for the four best results, namely, one of five shillings and three of two and sixpence.

glazed her picture, which was very clever of her. I hope, however, that her example will not be followed, because the glass was broken into a thousand pieces, and was rather dangerous to the fingers of our artist while he was judging.

To W. Lewis Bailey, aged eleven, Featherstone Hall, Southall, Middlesex, goes the third prize of two and sixpence, showing the clown waving a bright blue Conservative banner. Seymour Pausey, ten years of age, East Bay, Colchester, takes the fourth prize of 2s. 6d. He has decked his clown out in a golden yellow cap, and the banner that he waves is also of the most brilliant blue.

Honourable mentions are given to Master C. Campling, 20, The Walk, Norwich; Florence Passingham Perman, 57, Fairholt-road, Stoke Newington; Hilda Wearn, Beatsonia, Lindfield, Sussex; and Gwendie Dale, Cypress Lodge, Maybury-road, Woking, Surrey.

List of Prize-Winners.

The little Dutch maiden skating over one of the dykes of her native country was evidently greatly admired, and much taste was evinced in the colouring of her gown, at least so says the writer upon dress in these columns, who was permitted to have a glimpse of the pretty pictures.

The first prize of five shillings is carried off by Hilda Copen, aged fifteen, Whalbone Farm, Becontree Heath, Romford, Essex, an effort specially commented upon by our artist as "very good, indeed." Hilda's Dutch girl wears a soft red skirt and cap, a black bodice, and a sable muff. The colouring of her complexion is very well done, and her eyes are a beautiful forget-me-not blue.

The second prize of 2s. 6d. is awarded to Vera Quinton Brown, aged ten, Ventnor House, Wimpey-road, Colchester. Vera has given the Dutch

in water-colours or coloured with chalks in the usual way. Read the inscription at the base of the picture for further information.

GAMES FOR CHILDREN.

As to games, the old ones are the best. "Fox and geese" gives the most pleasure of all, I think, while "Hunt the slipper" and "Blind man's buff" are ever a delight. For those who are in search of novelty, here is the latest version of "Blind man's buff." It is called "Jingler." Everybody in the room is blinded but one player. He is told to run through the room jingling a bell, and the one who catches him becomes jingler.

"Hunt the squirrel!" is a merry, but hitherto little played game, which is just entering on a new lease of life. It hails from America. The players stand in a line; the hunter at one end, the squirrel at the other; all sing together:—

Father, hunt the squirrel, the squirrel, the squirrel,
Father, hunt the squirrel round the hickory tree,
Up the hickory, down the hickory, round the hickory tree.

The squirrel sings:—

Father, hunt the squirrel, the squirrel, the squirrel,
If you'd catch the squirrel you must climb the tree.

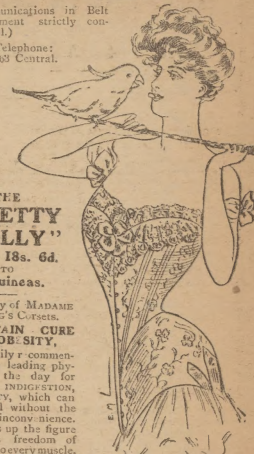
As the squirrel finishes he runs up the line behind the players. Then the hunter, starting from his place, runs in front of the players, hoping to overtake the squirrel. If he fails to do this after the second line he may double back, the squirrel doubling back, too, until he catches him. They then take their places in the middle of the line, the player at the head becoming the hunter, and at the foot the squirrel, until every player has had his turn.

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NORTHERN UNION FOOTBALL.

Prospects in To-day's Matches—
Salford at Hunslet.

BY HORNET.

Northern Union clubs will be out in full force this afternoon, when an extensive and varied programme is to be submitted. The downfall of Oldham before Leigh last Saturday, and the consequent elevation of Hunslet to the head of the League, where the Yorkshiremen have established themselves firmly by a victory during the week at Batley, has given a decided flip to the competition, especially as Leigh have also put themselves well in the running for honours.

In view of recent events, Oldham can hardly be regarding the task awaiting them to-day at Broughton with equanimity the less so as when last they tackled the Rangers on Watersfield they were soundly thrashed, Wilson and his colleagues amassing the respectable total of 17 points to nil. On this occasion the worthy captain is scarcely likely to be available, in which case the home club may not approach last season's record, for Wilson is the mainspring of the team. Still, Willie James shaped pretty well at centre three-quarter against Salford, and it will be anything but easy to check the Rangers' three-quarters once they get going. Oldham will be all the stronger in the pack for the return of Ferguson to the team.

It falls to the League leaders to entertain Salford, who, recognising the magnitude of their task, have been at great pains to get together the strongest possible side. Owing to injuries, neither W. Thomas nor J. Williams is available, although the former expects to be fit for duty in a fortnight. Twelve months ago, when Hunslet were scarcely the side they are now, Salford achieved a notable success at Parkside, but they will do well to-day if they manage to secure one point. It is interesting to note that the star performers on the contesting sides, Eagers and Lomas, are Cumberland men. Two of the best they are, too.

Another attractive inter-county match is that between Wigan and Leeds on the Central Park enclosure, where Leeds on their last visit won by the only try of the match. Playing away from home this season Leeds have generally fared badly, and there is reason to apprehend that they will have to yield a couple of points to the colliery men this afternoon.

Two of the most disappointing sides in the League, teams which on paper ought to be figuring prominently in the championship struggle, will be in opposition at Bradford, where Hunslet will probably be assisted by Pullen, of Cardiff, who played for Glamorgan against the New Zealanders, and who turned out with Hull for the first time a week ago, making a creditable debut. Bradford have been effecting changes, chief of which was the introduction at three-quarter of Marsden and Haigh in place of Dunbavin and Mosley, and the transfer of Connell, a brilliant back on his day, to the pack.

An interesting reappearance will mark the Warrington-Swinton match, the villagers having called upon Molyneux, the ex-Leigh half-back; this move being in view of the fact that the Cup-tie qualification period expires on the 27th inst.

On current form Widnes would not appear to have much chance against Leigh, but it is well to remember the fact that engagements between the two clubs are generally exciting affairs. The result of to-day's match counts not only in the Northern Union League, but also in the South-West Lancashire Cup and Medals Competition, in which Leigh are going strongly. With these trophies in view, they will leave nothing to chance.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

ASSOCIATION.

THE LEAGUE.—Division I.

Aston Villa v. Birmingham.
Preston v. Notts Forest.
Liverpool v. Sunderland.
Manchester v. Sheffield W.
Middlesbrough v. Bolton.

Division II.

Barnley v. Chesterfield.
Bristol City v. Stockport C.
Barnley v. Hull.
Hull v. W. Bromwich.
Chelsea v. Bradford City.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Norwich City v. Reading.
Portsmouth v. Bristol Rovers.
Swindon v. Queens' Park.
Northampton v. N. Brompton.

Division II.

Crystal Palace v. St. Leonards United.
LONDON LEAGUE.
Fulham R. v. Clapton G. R.
West Ham R. v. Leyton R.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Glasgow R. v. Glasgow A.
Glasgow R. v. Celtic.
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WESTERN LEAGUE.

Plymouth Argyle v. Southampton.
AMATEUR CUP.
Clapton v. Civil Service.
Hilling v. Gosport United.

COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

North Shields v. Northumberland v. Lancashire.
Birkenhead v. Cheshire v. Yorkshire.

OTHER MATCHES.

Richmond v. Blackheath.
London W. v. Guy's Hospital.
Old Leytons v. Cardiff B.
Rushy Park v. Harlequins.
London Irish v. St. Paul's.
Marborough Nomads v. Old.
Bridgwater v. Bath.
Rugby v. Bedford.
Coventry v. Handsworth.
Rugby v. Gloucester.

NORTHERN UNION LEAGUE.

Wakefield T. v. Castleford.
York v. Batley.
Bradford v. Hull.
Hull R. v. Bramley.
Dewsbury v. Halifax.
Broughton R. v. Oldham.
Huddersfield v. Rotherham.

Hunslet v. Salford.
Wigan v. Wigan.
Leigh v. Wigan.
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MARRIAGES.

JOSEPH.—On January 17, at the Synagogue, Upper Berkeley-street, by the Rev. Morris Joseph, assisted by the Rev. Isidore Harris, Bertram Ernest, youngest son of the late Alexander G. Joseph and Mrs. Joseph, of 8, Upper Hamilton-terrace, N.W., to Vera Joseph, only daughter of Mr. Henry M. Morris, of 43, Hamilton-terrace, N.W.

DEATHS.

BEVIS.—On January 17, at 74, Addison-road, Kensington, W., James Bevis, son of the late Captain Bevis, R.N., in his 74th year.

FRY.—On January 17, at Albion Hill, Loughston, Elizabeth Katharine (Betty), beloved daughter of the late Walter Joseph and Catherine F. Fry, aged 23.

SAUBURY.—On January 18, at Cambridge Villa, Alresford, after long painful illness, Philip H. B. F. Scherbury (Chevalier of the Order of Tokovai), aged 50. R.I.P.

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